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To
The Known and Unknown Journalists
Who have toiled to hunt and present
the Indians in News during 2002.

Preface

The evolution of human society from agrarian to information society is the story of men and women struggling to make their life more secure and better. This struggle to bring about changes shall never end, so also the occurence of new revolutions. It is important, therefore, that the activities of such persons as have contributed to such revolutions, are recorded systematically and faithfully so that the coming generations learn from their experiences and draw due benefit for the good of society. The effort shall have to be global, each nation cooperating and contributing its share.

Of all the resources of a nation, human resource is the most important. To learn about the leaders, the persons who make news and those who are in news, will tell about a country as the history itself. Since men and matters are inseparable, people are also interested to have the background information on the social milieu, the social motives and the social pressures on the individuals who created news or were in news.

The **Indians in News,** which is an annual publication, is a source of information on those men and women of India who created news or were in news for certain reasons during the year. It also includes those who are of Indian origin but are living and operating in foreign lands and are in news.

A biographical dictionary is an important source of information. It tells about the important persons whose contributions to the society–positive or negative–have been significant. Since persons are connected with matters everybody uses a biographical dictionary, to know about men and matters. A conventional biographical dictionary, however, suffers on two counts. One is that it is always out of date; the information that was correct at the time of its compilation, in many cases, has changed and is no more accurate now. Second is that a good number of persons included in it are no more relevant as they have now ceased to be active to create news, or to be in the news. There has always been a need of some current biographical tool.

A majority of seekers of information are interested only in those who are active and kicking–the persons who are the cause of happenings and are participating in matters that are significant. But the society is dynamic and things are changing fast. Men and matters do share this phenomenon. Persons who were unknown yesterday have come to limelight today. Some create history, others cause controversies, win honours, commit frauds, get accused, change places, get promoted, serve the society, kill or get killed or simply pass away. These or many other things are happening to one or another person at this or that moment. Information seekers wants to know the latest. The **Indians in News** serves this purpose because it is a biographical dictionary of those Indians who are currently in the news and are relevant to the present times.

The Indians in News includes persons reported or discussed in such newspapers or journals as the *Tribune*, *Times of India*, *Indian Express*, *Hindustan Times*, *India Today*, *Outlook*, *The Week*, *Competition Success Review*, etc. Alongwith the write-ups proper references have been given to connect the information about the person with its original source and also to guide the users to it, if they so wish. In a way this work may very well serve as an annotated index to the above newspapers and journals and promote their use further.

Though every matter is connected with one or another person, only such persons have been selected for inclusion in this work, whose role was significant and not of a routine nature. Another consideration was that the news with which an individual is connected should be of a lasting value.

The Indians in News, 2003 consists of two parts. Part I consists of records of persons in news, arranged systematically in an alphabetical order by their surnames. The persons who do not use their surnames are entered under their personal names. Under the name of the person is given the summary of the events because of which the person was in news. A brief biographical note is also added where warranted. The source of information is given so that the newspaper or journal reporting the news is easily accessed by the researchers. To keep up the authenticity of the information even the text of the original, in some cases, has been retained. This has been done to benefit the researchers in such subjects as history and political science. The following examples taken from Parts I and II of this work shall make the presentation more clear :

Balayogi, Ganti Mohana Chandra

India's first Dalit Lok Sabha Speaker, G.M.C. Balayogi, died on March 3, 2002 in helicopter crash. The incident took place at Kovvadalanka village bordering Krishna and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh. Besides, Balayogi, his additional private secretary K. Sattiraju and the pilot G.V. Menon also lost their lives.

Balayogi was born on October 1, 1951 in a farmer family in the Yedurulanka village of East Godavari district of Andhara Pradesh. He did his Bachelors of Law from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. His political career started as the Zilla Praja Parishad Chairman of East Godavari. In 1991 he was elected to Lok Sabha. Between 1996 and 1998, he was a member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly and a minister for higher education.

- Balayogi dies in copter crash. *Tribune*. March 4, 2002 :1.
- Editorial : G.M.C. Balayogi. *Tribune*. March 4, 2002 : 8.
- Editorial : Another tragic crash. *Hindu*. March 5, 2002 : 10.
- Parliament tributes to Balayogi. *Hindu*. March 5, 2002 : 11.

The above news about the death of G.M.C. Balayogi, the Lok Sabha Speaker, on March 3 was reported in the *Tribune* of March 4, and in the *Hindu* of March 5. Editorial on G.M.C. Balayogi was carried by the *Tribune* on March 4 and an editorial on this tragic crash by the *Hindu* on March 5. Brief bio-data of Balayogi has also been given. Bibliographical references of these sources have been given in the end of this write-up. Some duplication of information notwithstanding, various views by different journals tell more about a person.

Part II consists of two indexes – Chronological Index and Broad Subject Index. These indexes have been added to facilitate the use of Part I and access the desired person in news discussed or described there.

Chronological Index

March

3 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** Blames RIL for SAD-BJP defeat.

Balayogi, G.M.C. Died in copter crash at Kovvadalanka village in A.P.

Broad Subject Index

PASSED AWAY. DIED

March

3 **Balayogi, G.M.C.** In copter crash at Kovvadalanka village in A.P.

7 **Tripathi, Ram Manohar (Dr.)** In Mumbai at 69

16 **Swarnavenkatesa Deekshithar, V.V.** In Chennai at 81.

Chronological Index indicates the date on which the event occurred. In the example cited above, **March 3** reveals "Balayogi, G.M.C. Died in copter crash at Kovvadalanka village in A.P." In Broad Subject Index, under heading **Passed Away. Died** and sub-heading **March**, it shows "3 Balayogi, G.M.C. In copter crash at Kovvadalanka village in A.P." The name of the person connects the entries in the indexes with his record in Part I.

Information whether empirical data or knowledge is a vital national resource, necessary for the well-being and security of a nation, as also for international relations. Information as such is the strength of a nation. Its growth and usage need proper care and coordination so that it is not wasted but properly utilized. An important purpose which this publication will serve is to promote the use of information about persons in action, the organisations they run, progress they make, failure they face and the overall impact of such activities on the society. Such facts and information as is given in this work, shall be a necessary input in writing history and in propounding political and economic theories in the days to come.

In a work like this there can be some omissions and inconsistencies. For instance the date of occurrence of an event and its reporting may differ and also the rendering of Indian names into English. We shall be grateful to our readers if they point these out. Any suggestion towards the improvement of this work shall be gratefully acknowledged.

This publication is a valuable **Biographical Source Book** and as such indispensable for every library. It will update the existing sources of biographical information available in the libraries. Besides the librarians, the students and researchers of Political Science, Public Administration and History will find this work very useful reference tool for their present and future use. It shall also be consulted extensively by those preparing for various competitions. Because of the nature of its contents, this tool shall be used by everybody–intellectuals and common people.

Ludhiana **Rajeev Prasher**
February 25, 2003 **Ajay Prasher**

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The persons in news included in the **Indians in News 2003** are those who were reported in the following Indian newspapers and journals, alongwith the events and incidents with which they were connected to be in news, during 2002.

1. The Hindu
2. The Times of India
3. The Tribune
4. The Hindustan Times
5. The Indian Express
6. India Today
7. The Outlook
8. The Week

We acknowledge with a deep sense of gratitude the help we have drawn from the above newspapers and journals. Proper bibliographical references have been added to acknowledge this help and to connect the description of the person in this work with the source where it has been taken from so that the readers of this work may go to the original source to have the complete information or to check the facts for themselves, if they so desire.

In a way this work may serve as an annotated index to the biographical contents of these sources and may motivate many users to be the regular readers of the newspapers and journals referred to above.

The papers and journals are valuable source material for the scholars and researchers of social sciences, particularly those of Sociology, Political Science and History. For their benefit the original text has been retained in some cases so that they may use or quote the same in their research work, with a reference to the original source. Since the raw information on which the conents of this work are based has been drawn from the above sources, the compliers once again place on record the sense of gratitude they owe to the Managements and Editors of the above Newspapers and Journals.

In a work like the present one, many people contribute to complete the task. There are a number of them whose assistance and support demand recognition.

Important among them are those jounrnalists who covered the events, sought facts from the persons themselves or located and retrieved the relevant information from the record in their archives about them and presented it to the public through the newspapers or journals they were working for. Without their sustained efforts such publication as the present one would not have been possible. We are grateful to them. There are many others like them and we may not be in a position to name them individually, we nevertheless thank them.

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PART I

Indians in News

A

Aadhokshjanand Teerth (Jagadguru)

Shankaracharya of Goverdhanpuri, Jagadguru Aadhokshjanand Teerth, on March 1, 2002 condemned the ongoing communal violence in Gujarat and called it "state terrorism". He urged for a ban on Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) and arrest of its leaders and activists under the National Security Act (NSA). He alleged that office bearers of VHP are collaborating with the police in attacking the life and property of minorities.

- Puri's Seer demands ban on VHP. Tribune. March 2, 2002 : 20.
- Shankaracharya demands ban on VHP. *Hindu.* March 2, 2002 : 12.

Abdul Kalam, A.P.J.

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former scientific and technological advisor to the Prime Minister was the target of attack by the Harkat ul Jehadi-Islami at an official function on September 30, 2001 at Bokaro Steel City during his road journey to that city from Ranchi airport. The situation was saved because the eminent Indian scientist travelled to Bokaro in a helicopter.

- ISI plot to kill Abdul Kalam. *Tribune.* March 26, 2002 : 18.

Eminent scientist and father of India's missile development programme, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, on June 10, 2002, emerged as the unanimous choice of the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), for the post of the Nation's next President.

- Abdul Kalam is NDA choice. *Tribune.* June 11, 2002 : 1.
- PM tries for Pact on Kalam. *Times of India.* June 11, 2002 : 1.
- Vaidya, Abhay. Scientist community all praise for Abdul Kalam. *Times of India.* June 12, 2002 : 13.
- Front splits as SP supports Kalam. *Tribune.* June 12, 2002 : 1,8.
- Kalam right choice, say Jaya, Naidu. *Tribune.* June 12, 2002 : 8.

Commenting on Prof. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's choice for the post of President, the *Tribune* writes in its Editorial 'This is the right choice':

Prof. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam is the ideal candidate for the country's highest office as any proud Indian can think of. He is an enviable symbol of modern India both in terms of the country's missile muscle and its socio-economic vision for tomorrow… What is remarkable about him is that he is a home-grown scientist, having risen from the grassroots in Tamil Nadu to accept the most challenging assignment, the development of missile power... What is noteworthy is his broad vision to make India a formidable economic power as well... By opting for Prof. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the NDA leaders have redeemed the people's faith in the basic strength and fabric of this country, which is rooted in the liberal philosophy and secularism. Professor Kalam is expected to join the ranks of some of the best Presidents the country has had during the past 52 years. His presence at Rashtrapati Bhavan at this critical juncture sends the right message at home and abroad.

- Editorial: This is the right choice. *Tribune.* June 12, 2002 : 10.
- Any time is fine by me says Kalam. *Hindu.* June 12, 2002 : 11.
- Ramachandran, K.A. Scientists to experiment with Presidency. *Hindu.* June 13, 2002 : 9.
- Overwhelmed, says Kalam. *Hindu.* June 14, 2002 : 1, 12.
- Editorial: The next President. *Hindu.* June 15, 2002 : 10.
- Missile man who will be President. *Times of India.* June 15, 2002 : 9.

Commenting on the decision of Congress Party to support the candidature of Kalam for Presidency, editorial in *Tribune* 'Congress for Kalam' writes: The Congress' decision to support the NDA-sponsored candidate, Prof. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam for the post of President is most welcome... the Congress' decision has rather come late in the day because its initial reservations on supporting Professor Kalam and its attempts to convince the incumbent President, K.R. Narayanan, to contest for a second term, did cause harm to the party. For three full days after the NDA's decision, the Congress had indulged in laboured equivocations and sophisticated casuistry. There were few takers for the line adopted by it. It found itself cornered when it became clear that the BJP-led NDA, together with the support extended by the TDP, the AIADMK and others, was way ahead in the game of numbers and that Professor Kalam's election was going to be a mere formality.

- Editorial: Congress for Kalam. *Tribune.* June 15, 2002 : 10.
- Suraiya, Jug. Nuclear Natraj rules the rashtra. *Sunday Times of India.* June 16, 2002 : 1,18.
- Parthasarathy, Anand. With Kalam, every missile launch was a family affair. *Hindu.* June 16, 2002 : 8.
- Profile: Missile Man's mission: a prosperous India. *Tribune.* June 16, 2002 : 13.
- Malhotra, Inder. Dr. Kalam as consensus President. *Tribune.* June 17, 2002 : 10.

The Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education has introduced a chapter on the achievements of Presidential nominee and eminent missile scientist, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam in the school syllabi beginning July 1, 2002. The chapters on

Kalam's scientific contribution and his biography were included in the textbooks for the 10th and 12th classes.

- Chapter on Kalam in school syllabi. *Tribune*. June 18, 2002 : 7.
- Kalam to figure in Rajasthan textbooks. *Hindu*. June 18, 2002 : 11.
- Kalam enters poll fray. *Tribune*. June 19, 2002 : 1, 13.
- Kalam files nomination. *Times of India*. June 19, 2002 : 1, 9.
- Vajpayee, Sonia among Kalam's proposers. *Hindu*. June 19, 2002 : 1.

Dr. Kalam addressed his first press conference after filing his nomination papers on June 19, 2002. Put to rest all doubts over his political acumen to deal with crises, he said that he had worked with six Prime Ministers in the last 10 years. Defending the country's nuclear weapons programme, he asserted that… But for the nuclear deterrence, which exists between India and Pakistan, there would have been a war with the neighbor.

- Kalam to use science for progress. *Tribune*. June 20, 2002 : 1, 8.
- Kalam lauds nuclear deterrence. *Times of India*. June 20, 2002 : 1.

Abdul Kalam has to ensure that his being President is not misused to serve the Hindutva agenda.

- Ilaiah, Kancha. Challenges before Kalam. *Hindu*. June 25, 2002 : 10.
- Malhotra, Anjali. Igniting minds and unleashing power. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 1.
- Kalam prays at Ajmer dargah. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 11.
- Khare, Harish. 'Unflinching commitment to secularism': *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 11.
- Personality: A many-sided genius. *Hindu*. July 12, 2002 : 13.
- Kalam vows to end poverty in fifteen years. *Tribune*. July 15, 2002 : 20.
- Tripathi, Purnima S. From scientist to politician. *Frontline*. 19(14), July 6-19, 2002 : 124-125.

Noted missile scientist, Dr. A.P. J. Abdul Kalam was declared elected as the President on July 18, 2002. Dr. Kalam polled 4,152 votes with a value of 9,22,884, defeating Capt. Lakshmi Sahgal, by securing 89.58 per cent of votes.

- Kalam elected President. *Tribune*. July 19, 2002 : 1, 8.
- Editorial: Man of Destiny. *Tribune*. July 19, 2002 : 12.
- Chambers welcome Kalam's election. *Tribune*. July 19, 2002 : 15.
- Scientists hail election. *Tribune*. July 19, 2002 : 8.
- Thanks parents, friends, and professors. *Tribune*. July 19, 2002 : 8.
- Satyanarayanan, S. A dreamer extraordinaire. *Tribune*. July 19, 2002 : 8.

- Sreenivasa Raghavan, T.S. Kalam's house now becomes a part of history. *Times of India*. July 19, 2002 : 6.
- Jha, Lalit K. Kalam's book too dear for children: Book for all, beyond reach of many. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 9.
- Varsity team may attend Kalam swearing-in. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 9.
- Kannan, K. Jodhpuri suit for swearing-in. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 11.
- Reddy, B. Muralidhar. Musharraf greets Kalam. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 11.
- A wave of jubilation in Rameswaram. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 12.
- Editorial: Unlocking Presidency. *Times of India*. July 20, 2002 : 16.
- Parul Chandra. Abdul Kalam set for a makeover on July 25. *Times of India*. July 20, 2002 : 7.
- Nair, Vinod. Sunday Special : All the President's mane. *Sunday Times of India*. July 21, 2002 : 1.
- In Brief: Fan club for Kalam in Tamil Nadu. *Tribune*. July 22, 2002 : 8.
- I am clear about my duties, says Kalam. *Hindu*. July 22, 2002 : 11.
- Kalam's kin leave for Delhi. *Hindu*. July 22, 2002 : 11.
- I will fight sanctions by developed world: Kalam. *Hindu*. July 23, 2002 : 12.

Dr. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam was sworn in as country's 11th President on July 25, 2002 in the Central Hall of Parliament. Amid the booming of a 21-gun salute, 71-year old, Dr. Kalam was administered the oath of office by Chief Justice of India, B.N. Kirpal.

- Kalam sworn in as President. *Tribune*. July 26, 2002 : 1, 20.
- Editorial: Looking back and ahead. *Tribune*. July 26, 2002: 10.
- Jaisingh, Hari. Examining the President's role: Can he help enhance the quality of governance? *Tribune*. July 26, 2002 : 10.
- Satyanarayanan, S. Kalam – a man of scientific vision. *Tribune*. July 26, 2002 : 8.
- President's Quotes. *Tribune*. July 26, 2002 : 8.
- Kalam leaves out Leader of Opposition. *Tribune*. July 26, 2002 : 20.
- Sabherwal, O.P. Giving the nation new orientation : The key to growth lies in technology mantra. *Tribune*. July 29, 2002 : 10.

President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam during his tour of Gujarat on August 12 at Ahmedabad directed CM Narendra Modi and Ahmedabad district collector, K. Sriniwas, to make arrangements for the relief and rehabilitation of riot refugees of Naroda Patia area.

- Rehabilitate riot-hit, Kalam tells Modi. *Tribune*. August 13, 2002 : 1.

- Modi guides missile man through Ahmedabad. *Times of India*. August 13, 2002 : 9.
- Tripathi, Purnima S. A president and a promise. *Frontline*. 19(16). August 3-16, 2002 : 124-126.

The President, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, returned to the Union Cabinet the Ordinance to amend the Representation of the People Act, seeking certain clarifications on some of the controversial provisions in the proposed Ordinance, on August 22, 2002.

- Venkatesan, J. President returns Ordinance on poll reforms to Cabinet. *Hindu*. August 23, 2002 : 1.
- Editorial : The President and the poll ordinance. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 10.
- Editorial : A little gesture. *Times of India*. August 24, 2002 : 14.

The Union Cabinet considered the Ordinance returned by the President and did not think proper to make any change. The poll Ordinance was again sent to the President for his assent.

- Ramachandran, T.R. Cabinet returns poll Ordinance to Kalam. *Sunday Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 1, 20.

The President, Mr. APJ Abdul Kalam cancelled his Iftar party so that the money thus saved could be used for the welfare of inmates of orphanages, the poor and the needy during the holy month of Ramzan.

- President's gesture. *Hindu*. November 28, 2002 : 11.
- Spotlight : Kalam cancels Iftar party. *Tribune*. November 28, 2002 : 1.

Abdullah, Farooq

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, on June 11, 2002, resigned as President of the National Conference in Srinagar. He submitted his resignation to the party's general secretary and his cousin Sheikh Nazir Ahmad. Omar Abdullah, son of Farooq and Minister of State for External Affairs is expected to be made the National Conference President on June 23, 2002 at a "coronation" ceremony.

- Farooq quits office as NC President. *Times of India*. June 12, 2002 : 9.
- Bukhari, Sujaat. Farooq resigns as NC chief. *Hindu*. June 13, 2002 : 11.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Farooq Abdullah escaped an attempt on his life when militants fired two rifle grenades towards the newly constructed State Board of School Education building at Bemina in Srinagar on June 16, 2002. Abdullah had gone to inaugurate it. Both the grenades missed the target and none was injured in the attack. An unknown outfit claimed responsibility.

- Pandit, M.Saleem. Farooq survives grenade attack. *Sunday Times of India*. June 16, 2002 : 1.
- Bukhari, Shujaat. Farooq escapes attempt on life. *Hindu*. June 16, 2002 : 1.

Farooq Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, gave up the presidentship of the National Conference (NC) and passed it on to his son, Omar Abdullah, 31, in Srinagar on June 23, 2002. He also announced that soon he would hand over the reins of Government to Omar. Highly critical of New Delhi, the CM said, "Unless autonomy is granted to the State, it is not possible to restore peace here."

– No peace without autonomy: Farooq. *Hindu.* June 24, 2002 : 1.

– BJP says no, Left for debate. *Hindu.* June 24, 2002 : 1.

– Signals of the danger ahead, Abdullah's bellicosity. *Tribune.* June 27, 2002 : 8.

Dr. Farooq Abdullah continues to harp on autonomy. He has not changed much since the early 1980's. Perhaps he should have known that experiment in autonomy during the past three decades have not solved even the basic problems facing the State. In any case the demand for greater autonomy is nothing but a demand for getting a free hand for the valley politicians, especially the members of Abdullah family to do what they wish to do. Who cares for the people and their pressing problems?

– Change of guard in Kashmir–the problem of promise and performance. *Tribune.* June 28, 2002 : 10.

Jammu and Kashmir based militant outfit Hizbul Mujahideen has announced Rs. 50 lakh reward to anyone who killed the Chief Minister of J & K, Mr. Farooq Abdullah. A similar reward has been placed on his son and NC Chief, Mr. Omar Abdullah.

– Reward on Farooq's head. *Tribune.* September 21, 2002 : 6.

Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr. Farooq Abdullah submitted the resignation of his government to the Governor, Mr. G.C. Saxena, on October 11, 2002, following the rout of his National Conference in the Assembly elections.

– Farooq govt. resigns. *Tribune.* October 12, 2002 : 6.

Jammu and Kashmir was on October 17, 2002 brought under the Governor's rule as the caretaker Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah declined to continue in office following rout of his party in the Assembly elections.

– Governor's rule in J & K : Farooq refuses to be caretaker CM. *Tribune.* October 18, 2002 : 1.

– J & K under Governor's rule, says Azad. *Times of India.* October 18, 2002 : 1, 9.

– Editorial : Farooq's political petulance. *Tribune.* October 19, 2002 : 10.

– Editorial : Spoilsport Farooq. *Times of India.* October 19, 2002 : 16.

Abdullah, Omar

Minister of State of External Affairs, Omar Abdullah offered to resign from the Vajpayee Government on April 30 after the National Conference (NC) decided to abstain from voting in the opposition-sponsored censure motion on Gujarat in the Lok Sabha. He took this step because he felt that it was morally untenable to remain as a Minister after the NC stand.

– Omar offers to quit. *Hindu.* May 1, 2002 : 1.

– PM rejects Omar offer to quit. *Tribune.* May 1, 2002 : 1.

"The Prime Minister told me to continue with my work", said Abdullah.

– PM rejects Omar's resignation. *Tribune.* May 7, 2002 : 1.

"The deft handling of the critical issue facing the National Conference as a member of the Bhartiya Janta Party–led National Democratic Alliance during the Opposition sponsored debate on Gujarat indeed enhanced his stature as a politician who knows how to walk a tight rope."

– Omar's balancing act. *Tribune.* May 8, 2002 : 8 – Editorial.

The Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister, Farooq Abdullah gave up the Presidentship of the National Conference. Omar Abdullah, his son, was elected the new President of the National Conference (NC) at Srinagar on June 23. It was done at a grand one-day party convention, which was attended by over 15000 delegates and general council members. 31-year old Omar Abdullah, who is presently Union Minister of State for External Affairs, took over the leadership of the NC amid thunderous applause. On this occasion, Omar swore by autonomy and took the center to task for not honouring the aspirations of the people of the State.

– No peace without autonomy: Farooq. *Hindu.* June 24, 2002 : 1.

– Omar rules out placing fresh proposals on autonomy. *Hindu.* June 25, 2002 : 11.

National Conference president and Minister of State for External Affairs, Omar Abdullah said on July 10, 2002 in Srinagar that the demand for Governor's rule in Jammu and Kashmir is "untenable and against democratic spirits".

– Bukhari, Shujaat. Demand for Governor's rule untenable: Omar. *Hindu.* July 11, 2002 : 11.

National Conference President Omar Abdullah lost the Gander bal seat to the People's Democratic Party candidate, Qazi Afzal, as per J & K election results declared on October 10, 2002.

– Kashmir demolishes dynasty. *Times of India.* October 11, 2002 : 1.

– Voters reject NC ; Omar humbled. *Tribune.* October 11, 2002 : 1.

I will resign from the NDA ministry after PM Atal Behari Vajpayee returns from abroad.

– Omar to quit as minister. *Tribune.* October 11, 2002 : 17.

– NC chief heads prominent loser's list. *Tribune.* October 11, 2002 : 17.

– Fazili, Ehsan. The man who humbled Omar. *Tribune.* October 12, 2002 : 6.

Omar Abdullah resigned, on October 14 as the Minister of State for External Affairs. He said in New Delhi that the National Conference would continue to remain in NDA.

– Omar quits, NC to stay with NDA. *Tribune.* October 15, 2002 : 1.

Abraham, Abu

Renowned cartoonist, columnist and animator, Abu Abraham (78) passed away in Thiruvananthapuram on December 1, 2002, following a brief illness. Abu Abraham was a member of the Rajya Sabha for six years from 1972.

– Spotlight : Abu Abraham dead. *Tribune.* December 2, 2002 : 1.

– Abu Abraham passes away. *Hindu.* December 2, 2002 : 3.

– Anand, V. Eshwar. Abu : a sharp brush, a sharper pen. *Tribune.* December 3, 2002 : 9.

– Krishna Kumar, R. A saga of courage : Abu Abraham, 1924-2002. *Frontline.* 19(26) December 21, 2002 : 101–102.

Acharya, Krishan Kumar

Justice Krishan Kumar Acharya has been appointed as a Judge of the Rajasthan High Court by the President of India.

– New HC Judges. *Hindu.* March 2, 2002 : 1.

Achrekar, Ramakant

Renowned cricket coaches Ramakant Achrekar and V.S. Patil were felicitated during the launch of the Citibank "Super-star search" programme and cricket visa card at the Cricket Club of India in Mumbai on June 8, 2002. Achrekar who coached players like - Sachin Tendulkar, Vinod Kambli, Ajit Agarkar and Praveen Amre - and V.S. Patil who was instrumental in coaching players like Dilip Vengsarkar and Sanjay Manjrekar, were presented with shawls and mementos.

– Achrekar, Patil felicitated. *Sunday Times of India.* June 9, 2002 : 21.

– Achrekar, Patil honoured. *Hindu.* June 9, 2002 : 19.

Batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar on June 14, 2002 released a book titled "Achrekar Sir", a biography of his cricket coach Ramakant Achrekar at the MIG Club in Mumbai. The book, written in Marathi by Sanjeev Padhye, gives a detailed picture of Achrekar's contribution as a coach to the game of cricket.

– Tendulkar releases book on Achrekar. *Tribune.* June 15, 2002 : 19.

Aditya Singh

Mr. Aditya Singh, Bihar Minister of State for Animal Husbandry was arrested on January 19, 2002 along with his son and supporters in connection with the killing of a supporter of a mukhiya candidate in Bihar's Nawada district.

– Spotlight : Minister, son held. *Sunday Tribune*. January 20, 2002 : 1.

Minister of State for Animal Husbandry in Bihar, Mr. Aditya Singh, was arrested for allegedly plotting to kill one Amar Paswan, a supporter of by-election candidate Manzoor Alam. The Chief Minister Mrs. Rabri Devi recommended to the Governor the dismissal of the Minister.

– Minister held for murder. *Times of India*. January 21, 2002 : 9.

Advani, Lal Krishan

Pakistan Government's reported move to include, Advani's name in the list of wanted criminals that it wants extradited to Islamabad came in for criticism from Advani's Cabinet colleagues. Defence Minister calls this a 'joke', and advises Pakistan to behave in a serious manner. Rural Development Minister V. Naidu described this as "absurd and childlike, bordering on juvenile delinquency."

– Move on Advani a joke: George. *Tribune*. February 1, 2002.

India's Home Minister Mr. L.K. Advani is facing threat to his life from underworld don Dawood Ibrahim and his henchmen. In view of this threat Advani's security has been beefed up.

– Dawood's plot of kill Advani. *Sunday Tribune*. February 3, 2002 : 1.

Pakistan's Interior Secretary Mr. Tasnim Noorani was quoted by a local daily 'The Nation' as saying that the government had obtained records of the criminal case lodged against Advani for hatching a conspiracy to kill Mohammad Ali Jinnah in 1947 in Karachi. Mr. Advani is prominent on the list of 20 alleged criminals that Pakistan is preparing.

– Pak 'has record of Advani's hand in plot'. *Tribune*. February 5, 2002 : 18.

Union Home Minister, Mr. L.K. Advani said on February 4, 2002 that construction of a Ram temple at Ayodhya was very much on the BJP agenda but the party has put it on the back burner for the time being in deference to the wishes of its allies.

– BJP has not given up temple issue : Advani. *Tribune*. February 5, 2002 : 1.

– Advani's security beefed up. *Tribune*. February 14, 2002 : 18.

Home Minister L.K. Advani said on June 7, 2002 "If Pakistan does not deliver on its promise to stop and put an end to cross-border terrorism and infiltration... .India would definitely take retaliatory action against the neighbour".

Advani described CICA summit at Almaty as a success for India in exposing Pakistan's involvement in cross-border terrorism.

– Advani warns Pak of retaliation. *Tribune*. June 8, 2002 : 10.

Home Minister, L.K. Advani said on June 8, 2002 that forming an "Indo-Pak confederation" was difficult but not impossible and could be achieved by voluntary action by the two hostile neighbours and active participation of its citizens. He expressed these views at the launch of "South Asia Politics", a monthly magazine published by the Rashtriya Jagriti Sansthan in the capital.

– Advani moots new formula for Indo-Pak peace. *Hindu*. June 9, 2002 : 3.

The Council of Indian Muslims U.K. has urged the British Government to "refuse" entry to L.K. Advani, stating his visit could "damage community relations." Council Chariman Munaf Zeena has submitted a petition to this effect to British Home Secretary as also the Foreign Secretary.

– Indian Muslims in UK oppose Advani's visit. *Tribune*. June 10, 2002 : 9.

Home Minister, Lal Krishna Advani left New Delhi on a five-day visit to Spain on June 18, 2002. He will visit Spain from June 19-23, 2002. An extradition treaty between the two countries will be signed during the visit.

– Extradition treaty to be signed during Advani's Spain visit. *Hindu*. June 19, 2002 : 11.

Home Minister, L.K. Advani signed extradition treaty with Spanish Justice Minister Angel Acebes Paniayan in Madrid, on June 20, 2002.

– India signs extradition treaty with Spain. *Hindu*. June 21, 2002 : 1.

– Dy PM post under consideration - P.M. *Hindu*. June 29, 2002 : 1.

The Union Home Minister Lal Krishna Advani was on June 29, 2002 elevated to be the Deputy Prime Minister. A Rashtrapati Bhavan press communiqué said: "The President of India as advised by the Prime Minister, has directed that Shri Lal Krishna Advani, Home Minister, will be designated as Deputy Prime Minister. He will continue to look after the Ministry of Home Affairs.

This appears to be the end of the Vajpayee's innings and the consecration of Mr. Advani as the power behind the prime ministerial throne. This urgent announcement also indicates the intensity of pressure Mr. Vajpayee found himself under.

– Advani elevated as Deputy Prime Minister. *Hindu*. June 30, 2002 : 1.

– Chatterjee, Mohua. Soft core between the hard lines. *Sunday Times of India*. July 21, 2002 : 10

– Dutta, Arnab Pratim, Advantage Advani or Game Vajpayee ? *Outlook*. July 23–29, 2002 : 26-27.

There is a controversy over the poser of the Deputy PM L.K. Advani to the Election Commission on the Gujarat elections. He had questioned the very competence of the poll panel to decide the timing of the election in Gujarat. Editorially, the *Tribune* writes that it is EC's right and duty to find out whether the atmosphere is congenial for holding free and fair elections on any particular dates. The editorial adds : Unfortunately many independent sources speak of an atmosphere of tension and hatred in which elections may get vitiated. The Election Commission is one touchstone which must be honoured.

— It is EC's right and duty! *Tribune*. August 12, 2002 : 10.

BJP at New Delhi on August 11 said that Deputy Prime Minister did not refer to Gujarat and the Chief Election Commissioner (J.M.Lyngdoh) during the BJP intellectual cell meeting in New Delhi on August 10.

— Advani denies remarks on CEC. *Tribune*. August 12, 2002 : 8.

— Advani cancels US trip. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 8.

— Advani cancels American yatra. *Times of India*. August 19, 2002 : 11.

The Britain visit of Home Minister L.K. Advani turned into a bitter dispute, over his unveiling a bust of Patel at the Indian High Commission on August 21 in London. The Council of Indian Muslims condemned the ceremony, saying that Patel is seen by Hindu extremists as one of Hindutva leaders. This statement provoked a strong reaction by several Indian and Gujarati groups, condemning these views. The members of the Sardar Patel 'Memorial Society in Britian said : "Sardar Patel was for the whole of India ... He had fought for Muslims also. He was not anti-Muslims. But the Council of Indian Muslims described Advani as the author of macabre crimes committed against Muslims in Gujarat." The Indian Muslim Federation and other Indian Muslim groups in Britain boycotted a reception for Advani.

— Advani visit triggers dispute over Patel. *Tribune*. August 22, 2002 : 7.

Home Minister L.K. Advani during his talk with his British counterpart, John Prescott, stressed : Pakistan must abandon terrorism as an instrument of state policy ... Our main concern is that the terrorists' training camps in Pakistan must be wound up and support of arms and finance to terrorists must end.

— Advani discusses terrorism with U.K. *Tribune*. August 22, 2002 : 16.

Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani's apology in London for the Gujarat riots seems to have failed to cut much ice back home. Not many are willing to take his comments at face value, six months after the carnage began.

— Riot victims reject Advani's apology. *Times of India*. August 26, 2002 : 7.

Deputy Prime Minister, Shri Lal Krishan Advani inaugurated a two-day conference and exhibition on the usefulness of the cow in the economy of the nation at IIT Delhi. He emphasised on the need to have a constitutional amendment for a complete ban on cow slaughter as the existing law was not comprehensive.

— Amend statute to ban cow slaughter : Advani. *Tribune*. September 7, 2002 : 8.

Deputy Prime Minister Mr. L.K. Advani, on October 8, 2002, strongly defended Mr. Narendra Modi's Gaurav Yatra and took pride in the fact that he was continuing as Gujarat Chief Minister even six months after the dissolution of the State Assembly.

– Advani defends Modi's Gaurav Yatra. *Tribune*. October 9, 2002 : 8.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. L.K. Advani said on November 26, 2002 that the Government was in favour of the death penalty for rapists and was prepared to enact a law for this after consulting the State Governments and the political parties. He said this during question hour in the Lok Sabha.

– Ansari, Javed M. Advani favours death penalty for rapists. *Hindu*. November 27, 2002 : 1.

– Govt. wants death for rapists. *Tribune*. November 27, 2002 : 1.

The Deputy Prime Minister Mr. L.K. Advani said in Rajya Sabha on November 27, that India would never be a theocratic state and asserted that for the Vajpayee Government the concept of Hindutva was the same as interpreted by the Supreme Court.

– Prasad, K.V. 'India will never be a theocratic state.' *Hindu*. November 28, 2002 : 1.

The Secretary of the All India Democratic Women's Association, Brinda Karat, said on November 28, 2002 that Mr. Advani's statement in Parliament favouring capital punishment for rape was a "simple attempt to win political applause."

– 'Advani remarks, a political grandstand play.' *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 9.

Advani, Poornima (Dr.)

Dr. Poornima Advani was on January 14, 2002 appointed the new Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW). She replaces Vibha Parthsarthy who has completed her three-year term. A doctorate in law from the University of Bombay Dr. Advani had been a lecturer in the Department of Law of the university. She is the fourth Chairperson of the NCW.

– Poornima Advani made NCW Chief. *Tribune*. January 15, 2002 : 8.

Afroz, Mohammad

A local court of Mumbai, rejected the bail plea of Mohammad Farooq, brother of alleged Al-Qaida terrorist, Mohammad Afroz who is accused in a case of sedition.

– Afroz's brother denied bail. *Tribune*. July 22, 2002 : 8.

– Digest: Bail plea rejected. *Hindu.* July 22, 2002 : 1.

Afzal, Mohammad (Qazi)

Mohammad Afzal defeated the high-profile National Conference President and the Union Minister of State for External Affairs Mr. Omar Abdullah from

Ganderbal assembly constituency in Srinagar. Afzal is from People's Democratic Party.

– Fazili, Ehsan. The man who humbled Omar. *Tribune*. October 12, 2002 : 6.

Agarwal, Amit

Amit Agarwal a student of the prestigious National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) has bagged USHA-NIFT Award for Best Garment Construction for the year 2002. He won the award for his collection titled 'Douche Bag' which was adjudged the best among 44 award-winning collections from seven chapters of NIFT. The judge's panel included Ritu Beri and Tarun Tahiliani. The award comprises a specially designed trophy, a citation certificate and Rs. 20,000/- cash along with fully automatic zigzag sewing machine.

– Design with a difference. *Hindu*. May 26, 2002 : 2.

Agarwal, Ashok

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has recommended action against Ashok Agarwal, former Deputy Director of Enforcement Directorate, in case related to the alleged framing of a Delhi based man in a FERA violation case. CBI had received a complaint from Pawanjit Singh, who had alleged that Agarwal had forged documents against him and subjected him to "harassment" and wrongful confinement. On inquiry CBI found that Agarwal had allegedly indulged in fabrication of a case against him.

– CBI moots action against Agarwal. *Tribune*. June 3, 2002 : 8.

Agarwal, Manindra (Prof.)

Prof. Manindra Agarwal of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur and his two students Nitin Saxena and Neeraj Kayal have solved a long standing mathematics problem by devising a way for a computer to tell quickly and definitively whether a number is "prime". They have discovered a polynomial time-deterministic algorithm to test if an input number is prime or not. Methods of determining whether a number is prime have capitvated mathematicians since ancient times.

– Prime puzzle solved. *Tribune*. August 10, 2002 : 8.

Agarwal, R.C.

Mr. Ramesh Chandra Agarwal took over as the Director-General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) or December 31, 2002. Mr. Agarwal is an IPS officer of 1968 batch of UP Cadre. Earlier he was Special Director-General with the Border Security Force (BSF).

– Spotlight : New ITBP Chief. *Tribune*. January 1, 2003 : 1.

Special Director-General of B.S.F., R.C. Agarwal, has been appointed by the Central Government as its coordinator of paramilitary forces for peaceful and smooth conduct of the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Agarwal's appointment is seen as an attempt by the Centre not to leave the Assembly elections in the State solely to the State government or the Army.

– Agarwal coordinator for J&K Assembly elections. *Tribune.* July 27, 2002 : 8.

A 1968 batch UP cadre IPS Officer, R.C. Agarwal has been appointed as the Chief of ITBP. At present he is Special Director of the BSF.

– *Tribune.* December 27, 2002 : 8.

Agarwal, Sanjay

Writes an editorial in *Tribune*: "The latest entrant to the Harshad Mehta-Ketan Parekh Hall of Shame is an upstart former banker, Sanjay Agarwal, who used to broker trade in government securities with his e-firm, Home Trade, operating from a lavishly furnished office in Mumbai having facilities like JVC screens, a gym, a snooker table and a fruit buffet for its 70 employees. Starting his career with a multinational bank, the bachelor broker, who is in his late thirties, rode the dotcom bandwagon with a helping hand from his NRI brother. He led a flamboyant lifestyle and entertained his clients in five-star hotels. He roped in Shahrukh Khan, Hrithik Roshan and Sachin Tendulkar, who appeared in Home Trade advertisements. Seven cooperative banks in Maharashtra entered into transactions in government securities with the Home Trade and other lesser known entities without checking their antecedents. All were operating illegally and did not have wholesale debt market memberships as required under the law. The scandal surfaced on April 25, this year when the Nagpur District Central Cooperative Bank (NDCCB) reported default by five firms, which failed to deliver securities worth Rs.124.6 crore. SEBI suspended Home Trade and the RBI initiated action against the cooperative banks which had violated its guidelines… Scams, it seems, have ceased to surprise or shock.

– Adhikari, Anand. Home Trade Bust. *Hindustan Times.* May 12, 2002 : 10.

– Adhikari, Anand. Vegetarian, bachelor and hi-life junkie. *Hindustan Times.* May 12, 2002 : 10.

– Law, Vivek. From dot to dust. *India Today.* May 14-20, 2002 : 36, 37.

The CEO of Home Trade Limited, Sanjay Agarwal, a key accused in the Rs.150 crore government securities scam involving the Nagpur District Central Cooperative Bank (NDCCB) was on May 14, 2002 further remanded to police custody till May 18, 2002. Prosecution informed the court that state CID had seized 25 computers and a laptop from his office in Navi Mumbai and he needs to be taken to Mumbai to obtain printouts of his transactions.

– Further remand for securities scam accused. *Hindu.* May 15, 2002 : 5.

– Editorial: Another financial Scam. *Tribune.* May 18, 2002 : 10.

"What blew the lid off the scam simmering within the Home Trade were its dealings on behalf of certain cooperative banks. Agarwal took money from nearly 20 banks to buy government securities for them and then sold the same securities to other banks. The banks were given only photocopies of the certificates so they never suspected anything. Investigators reveal that in September 2001, Agarwal bought government securities worth Rs.55 crore for Pune-based Sadguru Jangli Maharaj Cooperative Bank and gave it a photocopy of the certificates. These securities were then allegedly resold to the Nagpur District Central Cooperative Bank (NDCCB). Although government securities worth several hundred crores of rupees were ostensibly bought by the Home Trade, only a fraction were delivered to the banks.

Another theory says that Agarwal bought the government securities but used them as collateral to take loans from banks. Some even say that he never bought the government securities and instead gave forged contract notes while deploying the money elsewhere and keeping the cooperative banks happy by giving them a fixed rate of return.

A Mumbai special court remanded, on May 25, 2002, the CEO of the Home Trade Ltd., Sanjay Agarwal, in CBI custody till May 31, 2002 in connection with the probe into Rs.92.78 crore Seamen's provident fund scam.

- Remand for CEO. *Tribune.* May 26, 2002 : 1.
- Home Trade CEO in CBI custody. *Hindu.* May 26, 2002 : 11.

A special Mumbai court remanded Sanjay Agarwal, CEO Home Trade Ltd. to CBI custody till June 6, 2002 on May 31, 2002.

- Home Trade CEO in CBI custody. *Tribune.* June 1, 2002 : 17.

Agarwal, Sudarshan

Former Lok Sabha Secretary-General Mr. Sudarshan Agarwal has been appointed as Governor of Uttaranchal. He will replace Mr. Surjit Singh Barnala who has been shifted to Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad.

- Digest : Barnala new A.P. Governor. *Hindu.* December 31, 2002 : 1.

Agarwala, J.P. (Prof.)

Former professor at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, J.P. Agarwala, who recently hit the headlines with his claims to have invented a technique to extract gold from sea water, has been arrested and put behind bars on the charge of molesting his 11-year old daughter. Prof. Agarwala was arrested in Chennai on April 2, 2002 and remanded to custody based on a complaint lodged by his wife Vimala.

- Professor held for molesting daughter. *Tribune.* April 17, 2002 : 7.

Agarwala, Sudarshan Dayal (Justice)

Former Judge of the Allahabad High Court and later the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice S.D. Agarwala (71) died in NOIDA on November 29, 2002. He was a member of the Cauvery River Water Dispute Tribunal.

- Justice Agarwala dead. *Sunday Tribune.* December 1, 2002 : 10.

Agashe, Mohan

The Director of Film and Television Institute of India, Dr. Mohan Agashe has resigned from his post. He came to FTII, Pune on deputation for three years in 1997 and the term came to an end in 2000. However, the governing council nominated him for another three-year period, up to 2003. But since the term of the present governing council is coming to an end in 2002, Dr. Agashe thought it proper to resign and allowing the new governing council a free hand to appoint anybody to this position.

– Mohan Agashe quits as FTII Director. *Tribune*. March 17, 2002 : 19.

Aghi, Sunil

The recipient of the call from FBI spooks was Sunil Aghi, a prominent Indian-American political activist in California. The agents questioned Aghi on June 19, wanting to know his everything – from his origin to his work in the U.S. In particular, the agents quizzed him about an unnamed consular officer at the Indian Consulate in San Francisco, whom they suspected of being intelligence official.

– Indian under FBI scan. *Times of India.* June 28, 2002 : 15.

Agnihotri, Bhishma Kumar

The United States has ruled out any diplomatic status for Ambassador-at-large for Overseas Indians, Shri Bhishma Kumar Agnihotri.

– Prabhjot Singh. His aim is one global Indian family. *Tribune*. March 18, 2002 : 13.

– Editorial : Shepherd at large. *Hindustan Times*. July 30, 2002 : 12.

– No diplomatic status for Agnihotri : USA. *Tribune*. August 11, 2002 : 24.

BJP led NDA government is looking for ways to find some new route to extend diplomatic status to Mr. Bhishma Agnihortri. Mr. Agnihotri is an office bearer of the RSS-affiliated Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh in the US. Following the United States government's denial of extending diplomatic status to Agnihotri, the Government has reportedly decided to accredit him through India's permanent mission. He may be given the designation of "Senior advisor" or something similar.

– Baruah, Amit. New role for Agnihotri ? *Hindu*. September 20, 2002 : 1.

Agnihotri, M.R.

Former acting Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and Chairman of the Oil Selection Board, M.R. Agnihotri's premises and residences in Chandigarh were raided by CBI on June 12, 2002. Movable and immovable property worth Rs.1.80 crore was reportedly seized by the CBI. During Agnihotri's tenure as Chairman of the Oil Selection Board a total of 144 petrol stations were allotted out of which 100 were allegedly allotted ignoring norms. Agnihotri and his family members reportedly owned a three kanal (1500 sq. yard) palatial house in sector 9, a shop-cum-flat in Sector 19 of Chandigarh, valued at about Rs.60 lakh, a plot in Sector 12, Panchkula, a flat each in Kalkaji Extn., New Delhi, Rohini and Saraswati Vihar, Gurgaon.

- Dwivedi, Nishikant. Searches yield property worth Rs. 2 crore.*Tribune*. June 13, 2002 : 3.
- CBI files reply to ex-judge's bail plea. *Times of India*. June 19, 2002 : 12.
- High Court's notice in ex-judge case. *Tribune*. June 21, 2002 : 4.

Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh

Arrest warrants were issued under Sections 376 and 511 of the IPC against Dr. Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia, Vice-Chancellor, Punjabi University, Patiala, in a case involving the complaint filed by a girl student, Saru Rana.

- Arrest warrant against Pbi Varsity VC. *Tribune*. March 16, 2002 : 1.

Dr. Ahluwalia's petition seeking the grant of anticipatory bail in an attempt to murder case was referred to a Division Bench of Justice G.S. Singhvi and Justice M.M. Kumar, which is already hearing two petitions, filed by the VC seeking the quashing of two different cases on March 15, 2002.

- VC's case for larger bench. *Tribune.* March 16, 2002 : 4

Dr. Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia claimed to have tape-recorded his conversation with the Principal Secretary, N.S. Rattan and Punjab CM Amarinder Singh's political secretary, Rana Sodhi. Transcript of the excerpts of the conversation clearly suggests that the government was prepared to withdraw a criminal complaint of molestation and attempt to rape against Ahluwalia provided he quit immediately and all this had tacit approval of the Punjab CM. Dr. Ahluwalia has submitted these transcripts along with his other material as additional affidavit before the Division Bench. Ahluwalia alleged in an affidavit that the Punjab CM was deeply interested in ousting him from VC position and also in inflicting the maximum damage to him as he nursed deep grudge against him.

- Besieged VC plays tehelka. *Times of India*. April 12, 2002 : 5.
- Ahluwalia says CM has grudge; presents deal papers. *Times of India*. April 12, 2002 :1.

Dr. Ahluwalia was sacked by the Punjab Governor as the Vice-Chancellor of Punjabi University, Patiala on April 22, 2002. Chancellor Lt. Gen. J.F.R. Jacob (retd.) had issued an order removing Dr. Ahluwalia on April 21, 2002. Inter alia the order reads: "Dr. Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia was appointed Vice-Chancellor on May 13, 1999, for a period of three years… As Vice-Chancellor he was expected to be the trustee of moral ethics and academic excellence and to create an atmosphere conducive for social, moral and academic development of the student community… He was to be the keeper of the University's conscience by setting the highest standards and dealing promptly and firmly with indiscipline and malpractices of any kind... A situation, however, has risen in the University where Dr. Ahluwalia's conduct as Vice-Chancellor has come under cloud leading to registration of criminal cases against him... In view of the above situation, I am of the considered opinion that immediate action is required to prevent further deterioration of the atmosphere of the University...".

– Ahluwalia sacked as VC. *Tribune.* April 23, 2002 :1,16.

– Ahluwalia's computer seized. *Tribune.* April 23, 2002 : 16.

– VC's removal : Why did govt. dither for so long. *Tribune.* April 23, 2002 : 16.

– Punjabi Varsity VC shown the door. *Times of India.* April 23, 2002 : 1.

– Rattan reverses Ahluwalia's decision. *Tribune.* April 24, 2002 : 1, 5.

– Ahluwalia's offer to resign rejected. *Tribune.* April 30, 3002: 4.

– Former VC evades arrest. *Tribune.* May 3, 2002 : 1, 20.

– Ahluwalia bail plea dismissed. *Tribune.* May 5, 2002 : 4.

Punjab and Haryana High Court granted anticipatory bail to Dr. Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia on May 29, 2002 while directing him to surrender his passport.

– Pre-arrest bail for Ahluwalia. *Tribune.* May 30, 2002 : 4.

– Ahluwalia gets bail. *Times of India.* May 30, 2002 : 8.

– Jangveer (Sic) Singh Ahluwalia's book removed from MA course. *Tribune.* July 20, 2002 : 7.

– Ahluwalia case committed to Sessions Court. *Tribune.* July 26, 2002 : 5.

– Ahluwalia case: police rapped for tacky probe. *Tribune.* July 27, 2002 : 5.

Ahmed, Atiq

Uttar Pradesh state president of Apna Dal and a sitting MLA, Atiq Ahmed, was arrested in Lucknow by the Allahabad police on June 6, 2002. Ahmed represents Allahabad (West) constituency and is wanted in 'several cases' there.

– U.P. MLA arrested. *Hindu.* June 7, 2002 : 5.

– Apna Dal UP chief arrested. *Tribune.* June 7, 2002 : 8.

Mr. Atiq Ahmed, State President of Apna Dal was injured in a bomb attack on August 7, when he was being produced in a court at Allahabad. He is a sitting MLA from Allahabad (west) constitutency. U.P. Chief Minister had recently accused Atiq of plotting to kill her.

– Bomb attack on UP legistator in court. *Tribune.* August 8, 2002 : 1.

Ahmed, Gulsher

Former Himachal Pradesh Governor, Gulsher Ahmed (81), passed away at a local hospital in Satna (M.P.) on May 20, 2002, after a prolonged illness. He had been the Speaker of the Madhya Pradesh Vidhan Sabha from 1972 to 1977.

– Ex. H.P. Governor Gulsher dead. *Tribune.* May 21, 2002 : 6.

Ahmed, Mansoor

Newly elected Samajwadi Party MLA, Mansoor Ahmed, was shot dead on March 6, 2001 just in front of the U.P. Raj Bhavan. The incident took place in broad daylight in the presence of top police officials as Mr. Ahmed was sitting on a dharna along with other newly elected legislators to press the Governor to invite the Samajwadi Party to form the government in U.P. Mr. Mansoor Ahmed represented Baheri Assembly Constituency in Bareilly district. One of the two assailants, Abhishek Bharadwaj was arrested on the spot.

– SP MLA shot in front of Raj Bhavan. *Tribune.* March 7, 2002 : 1.

Ahmed, M. Rafeeque

Chairman of Farida group–a leader in leather exports, M. Rafeeque Ahmed has been elected President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations for the term 2002-04 at the Federation's managing committee meeting held in New Delhi on November 29, 2002.

– Rafeeque Ahmed new FIEO Chief. *Hindu.* November 30, 2002 : 16.

Ahmed, Naseem

Financial Commissioner, Agriculture of Haryana, Naseem Ahmed is to be the Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University. President of India has cleared his appointment in his capacity as the Visitor of AMU. An IAS officer of 1972 batch, Mr. Ahmed is an alumnus of AMU from where he took LLM degree in 1969. He also taught law in the University for few months till he was appointed Judicial Magistrate in Aligarh in 1970. After two years he joined Indian Administrative Service. His term as Vice-Chancellor of AMU will be for five years.

– Haryana official is VC of AMU. *Tribune.* April 17, 2002 :3.

Mr. Naseem Ahmad takes over as the new Vice-Chancellor of Aligarh Muslim University on May 8, 2002. An IAS officer from Haryana, Mr. Ahmed takes over from Mr. Hameed Ansari.

After taking over the reins of the University, Mr. Ahmed said he would work towards restoring the lost glory and cultural ethos of the University.

– AMU VC. *Hindu.* May 9, 2002 : 5.

Ajit Singh

Union Agriculture Minister, Mr. Ajit Singh is facing one of the biggest challenge of his political career, that is, how to retain his traditional Muslim support especially after tying up with the BJP. The Muslims along with the jats together have been loyal supporters of Late Charan Singh family. Mr. Ajit Singh however expects that the support from upper caste voters of BJP will take care of the dent in Muslim votes.

– Parsai, Gargi. Ajit Singh struggling to retain Muslim votes. *Hindu.* February 13, 2002 : 10.

Union Agriculture Minister Ajit Singh admitted that the Rashtriya Lok Dal could have bagged more seats in western UP had the party not entered into a pre-poll alliance with the BJP. It was brought out that once we get maximum seats from the western belt, we will be able to overcome the hurdles in the way of the formation of Harit Pradesh.

– Ajit Singh persists with Harit Pradesh demand. *Times of India.* September 20, 2002 : 8.

Ajmer Singh

Mr. Ajmer Singh (44), a potato seed merchant from Jalandhar and a survivor of the Rajdhani train accident displayed exemplary courage and presence of mind in not only pulling himself out of the wreckage but also rescued 50 people from a coach which was hanging precariously over the bridge. He reportedly used a bedsheet and dim light from cellphones to rescue his co-passengers.

– Chhabra, Rahul. Ajmer Singh pulled himself and 50 others out with sheets. *Times of India.* September 12, 2002 : 1.

Akhilesh Singh

Congress MLA from Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Akhilesh Singh was expelled from the party for six years for his alleged involvement in a murder case, on September 4, 2002. He was arrested on September 2, 2002 from outside the Uttar Pradesh assembly premises.

– Absconding Cong. MLA arrested near assembly. *Times of India.* September 4, 2002 : 11.

– Congress expels Akhilesh Singh. *Times of India.* September 5, 2002 : 8.

– Resentment in UP Congress over MLA's arrest. *Hindu.* September 7, 2002 : 13.

– India Digest : NSA against Akhilesh Singh. *Times of India.* September 12, 2002 : 9.

Akhouri, Suresh

Suresh Akhouri, Deputy Chief of Bureau of Hindi daily 'Hindustan' has been re-elected President of the Indian Journalists Union (I.J.U.). He is a member of the Press Council of India.

– Akhouri is IJU President. *Tribune.* June 1, 2002 : 10.

Alexander, P.C. (Dr.)

The Maharashtra Governor Dr. P.C. Alexander tendered his resignation to the President on July 8, 2002. He remained Governor of Maharashtra for nine years. His resignation comes in the wake of his reported discomfiture at being "let down" by the NDA on the issue of his candidature for the presidential election.

- Khare, Harish. Alexander quits as Governor. *Hindu.* July 10, 2002 : 1.
- Alexander Quits. *Tribune.* July 10, 2002 : 1,14.
- Ramachandran, T.R. Alexander to call it a day? *Tribune.* July 11, 2002 : 1.
- Editorial: After resignation what? *Tribune.* July 11, 2002 : 10.
- Gangadhar, V. Did Alexander quit as he felt used? *Tribune.* July 11, 2002 : 8.
- Kakodkar, Priyanka. Smarting Alex : A bitter P.C. Alexander desperately seeks an honorary hurrah. *Outlook.* July 16-22, 2002 : 34.

Former Maharashtra Governor, P.C. Alexander was elected to the Rajya Sabha from Maharashtra on July 25, 2002. He polled 201 votes defeating Mr. Suresh Keswan who got 71.

- Vijapurkar, Mahesh. Alexander wins RS seat. *Hindu.* July 26, 2002 : 1.

Ali, Imam

Hardcore militant and the leader of Al-Mujahideen group, Imam Ali was shot dead along with four of his associates, by commandos of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Police at a hide out in Bangalore on September 29, 2002. Imam Ali master minded the chenniai RSS office bomb blast that claimed 14 lives. He also plotted to assassinate Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani and Union Human Resource Development Minister, Mr. M.M. Joshi.

- 5 ultras killed in Bangalore : Plot to assassinate Advani, Joshi. *Tribune.* September 30, 2002 : 1.
- Police gun down five terrorists in Bangalore. *Times of India.* September 30, 2002 : 1.
- Vijay Kumar, S. Hot chase for dreaded extremist ends. *Hindu.* September 30, 2002 : 6.

Aman Nath

A Delhi-based author Mr. Aman Nath has authored a lavishly illustrated book on the Rashtrapati Bhavan, 'Dome over India : Rashtrapati Bhavan'. The book has 200 specially commissioned photographs and takes the reader on a tour of the Presidential House. The book was released in Britain by leading NRI Lord Swraj Paul.

- Global monitor : Book on Rashtrapati Bhavan. *Tribune.* October 6, 2002 : 11.

Amarinder Singh (Capt.)

Criminal complaint was filed in a Chandigarh court against Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee President, Captain Amarinder Singh on February 4, 2002 by Mr. Sukhbir Singh Badal son of the Punjab Chief Minister Mr. P.S. Badal for allegedly defaming Mr. Parkash Singh Badal and his family through the publication of "defamatory" advertisements in newspapers in the month of January 2002. The complaint has been filed under sections 499 and 500 of the IPC.

- SAD-Cong. fight goes to court : Sukhbir files criminal complaint against Amarinder. *Tribune*. February 5, 2002 : 1, 18.
- Badal, Sukhbir seek Rs. 5 crore damages : Notices to Sonia Gandhi, Amarinder Singh. *Tribune*. February 6, 2002 : 1.
- Amarinder seeks quashing of defamation complaint. *Tribune*. February 9, 2002 : 3.

President of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC), Capt. Amarinder Singh said at an election rally on February 9, 2002 that the ruling Badal family owned property worth Rs. 3500 crore and if voted to power, the Congress will form a commission of eminent jurists to inquire into the huge wealth and property "amassed" by Mr. Prakash Singh Badal, Chief Minister and his family.

- Amarinder vows to probe Badal's assets. *Tribune*. February 11, 2002 : 14.

Capt. Amarinder Singh was sworn in as the 21st Chief Minister of Punjab at Punjab Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh on February 27, 2002. He promised transparent, accountable, efficient and clean governance.

- Prabhjot Singh. Amarinder takes oath amid chaotic scenes. *Tribune*. February 28, 2002 : 1, 18.

The *Tribune* in its editorial writes that Capt. Amarinder Singh's popularity graph has shot phenomenally during the 100 days of his rule as Punjab Chief Minister. A lucky catch in the anti-corruption net in the form of now suspended PPSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu is primarily responsible for it. It is also the time that CM reveals the people as to how he is going to revive the State's economy and address the problems, which remained untackled during Prakash Singh Badal's time. Making the elected representatives declare their assets, reviving industrial growth, introducing reforms in agriculture sector, assuring regular supply of power and water to the farmers are some of the factors that can sustain his present popularity.

- Amarinder's 100 days. *Tribune.* June 8, 2002 : 12.

"The sudden and abrupt dumping of Punjab's top officers of the Intelligence Wing by Capt. Amarinder Singh's government on June 27, 2002 evening is not a routine administrative exercise to improve its working and image. Nor has it anything to do with confidence building on the security front or getting to the bottom of the Punjab Public Service Commission job for money scam. It is pure and simple cover-up exercise and in a way signifies the triumph-howsoever momentary – of vested interests hovering around the charmed circles of the Chief Minister… Alas! Poor Capt. Amarinder Singh!! He probably does not seem to realize the grave damage that Thursdays action has inflicted on his political image and credibility as a crusader against corruption. Today he stands unmasked, courtesy his so-called loyalist aides and advisors!"

– It is clear case of operation cover up. *Tirbune*. June 29, 2002 : 1.

The Punjab Chief Minister, Amarinder Singh, today strongly denied reports that his government was carrying out a "cover-up" operation in the high-profile corruption cases related to the recruitment scandal. He asserted that his government would get to the root of corruption and take the investigations to their logical conclusions.

Chief Minister refused to accept newspaper reports that the investigations in the State Public Service Commission scam had received a setback with the replacement earlier this week of three top officers of the Intelligence Department. He dwelt in detail over attempts made to sort out the dispute between the officers of the Intelligence Department and the Vigilance Bureau. Capt. Amarinder Singh said he had decided to effect the change in the Intelligence wing as its officers had begun to violate the boundaries of their department.

Meanwhile, the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) President, Parkash Singh Badal, in a separate statement here said today that the summary transfers of top-ranking intelligence officials had blown the lid off the so-called crusade against corruption in Punjab. "This has also fully exposed Capt. Amarinder Singh's massive cover-up conspiracy. It has at the same time clearly established what we had been saying for so long... that honest men or officers have no place in Amarinder Singh's scheme of things."

Mr. Badal said "the true face of the person who came to power on the strength of crores charged for distribution of party tickets is now coming into the open. His claims of providing a corruption-free and transparent administration lie in tatters in just over a hundred days."

– Amarinder denies cover-up in corruption cases. *Hindu*. June 30, 2002 : 7.

Former Punjab Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal in Chandigarh on August 12 filed a criminal complaint and a defamation suit against the Punjab Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh, accusing him of spreading and publishing false reports about his assets and properties. Mr. Badal also sought damages of Rs. 5 crore through the civil suit and paid a court fee of Rs. 4,90,000. Mr. Badal prayed that the present complaint under Sections 499 and 500 of IPC be entertained for adjudication and Capt. Amarinder Singh be punished in accordance with the law for defaming him and SAD leaders and workers through letters and advertisements, claiming that Badal owned assets worth Rs. 3500 crore in Australia, USA, Switzerland, Delhi and Jodhpur. UT Chief

Judicial Magistrate, CL Mohal, has issued a notice to Capt. Amarinder Singh for Sept. 11 to file reply.

– Badal slaps 2 cases on Amarinder ; seeks Rs. 5 cr. in damages. *Tribune*. August 13, 2002 : 1.

– Badal seeks Rs. 5 crore damages from Amarinder. *Times of India*. August 13, 2002 : 1.

– Only Samara stood by Amarinder. *Times of India*. August 13, 2002 : 6.

Ten Punjab MLAs of SAD on August 26, 2002 served a legal notice on CM Amarinder Singh to withdraw his recent statements against Akalis by tendering an apology in public. Otherwise they would initiate legal proceedings against him in local courts in their respective constituencies.

– Notice to Punjab CM. *Times of India*. August 27, 2002 : 5.

Amarjit Kaur

Patiala police registered an attempt to murder and dowry case against former M P Amarjit Kaur and her son Pawan Inder Singh on charges of trying to murder the latter's wife Amrina Singh, besides demanding more dowry. Amarjit Kaur, however, termed the allegations false adding : I have been the Chairperson of the Central Social Welfare Board and have been dealing with such cases. How can I practise what I have been constantly fighting against. She called it a deep rooted conspiracy.

– Dowry case against Amarjit Kaur. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 1.

– Cong. leader booked. *Times of India*. August 19, 2002 : 1.

Amarnathan, L.C.

Mr. L.C. Amarnathan an IPS officer of 1967 batch from Orissa cadre has been appointed the new Director-General of the Bureau for Police Research and Development. According to an official press note released on February 25, 2002, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet cleared the name of Mr. Amarnathan.

– Amarnathan is RAW Chief. *Tribune*. February 26, 2002 : 7.

– A correction. *Tribune*. February 27, 2002 : 8.

Ambani, Dhirubhai

Leading Industrialist and Reliance Industries Limited Chairman Dhirubhai Ambani was put on life support system at the Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai on June 25, 2002 as his condition has been deteriorating.

– Ambani in hospital, markets shaken. *Tribune*. June 26, 2002 : 1.

– Dhirubhai's condition still critical. *Hindu*. June 27, 2002 : 18.

– Ambani's condition unchanged. *Tribune*. June 28, 2002 : 12.

– Brain clot-busters are on the way. *Times of India*. June 30, 2002 :1.

Priests of Ujjain's famous Mahakal temple performed 'Mahamritunjay jaap' on July 1, 2002, for a speedy recovery of Reliance Industries Chairman, Dhirubhai Ambani who is battling for life at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai.

- Ujjain priests pray for Ambani. *Hindu.* July 2, 2002 : 9.
- Mitra, Sumit and Shankkar Aiyar. Reliance Group: Beyond Dhirubhai. *India Today.* July 2-8, 2002 : 32-42.

Dhirubhai Ambani passed away in the night of July 6, 2002 at Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital after a 13-day battle for survival.

- Thousands bid adieu to Ambani. *Tribune.* July 8, 2002 : 1,18.
- President, PM condole Ambani's death. *Tribune.* July 8, 2002 : 8.

Paying rich tributes to Shri Dhirubhai Ambani, an editorial in *Tribune* 'Death of a Corporate King', comments: "Businessmen are normally known for their success in making money. But this was not the only quality in Reliance Group Chairman Dhirajlal Hirachand Ambani… He rewrote the rules of corporate games to establish a $12bn. Empire in a period of just three decades. He wove an extraordinary rags-to-riches story. His envied business acumen and boldness made him a colossus who strode the corporate world… A former petrol pump attendant in Aden, Dhirubhai emerged as the icon of the stock market… Single handed he created the world-admired equity culture and came to be deified as the business czar of the country. At the end of 1999, Business Barons magazine declared him as the "Indian businessman of the century" after conducting a worldwide poll…"Dhirubhai once disclosed the secret of his success by stating: "one must have the ambition and one must understand the minds of men."

- Editorial: Death of a corporate King. *Tribune.* July 8, 2002 : 15.
- Dhirubhai Ambani rewrote India's corporate history. *Tribune.* July 8, 2002 : 15.
- Paul condoles Ambani's death. *Tribune.* July 8, 2002 : 15.
- 2-minute silence by BSE members. *Tribune.* July 8, 2002 : 15.
- Bagchi, Pradipta. He was captain of the capital market. *Times of India.* July 8, 2002 : 7.
- Ambani legend began with Naroda mill. *Times of India.* July 8, 2002 : 7.
- Vyas, Sudhir. Chorwad fasts, weeps for its son. *Times of India.* July 8, 2002 : 7.
- Ambani passes baton to sons. *Times of India.* July 8, 2002 : 8.
- Gujarat was special for Dhirubhai Ambani. *Times of India.* July 8, 2002 : 11.
- Global vision, global achievement. *Times of India.* July 8, 2002 : 17.
- Editorial: Dreams Unlimited. *Times of India.* July 8, 2002 : 16.

- Sacred space : Quotes from Dhirubhai Ambani at various forums. *Times of India*. July 8, 2002 : 16.
- The Dhirubhai dream. *Times of India*. July 8, 2002 : 1.
- Ramachandran, Sushma. He sparked an "investor" revolution. *Hindu*. July 8, 2002 : 13.
- Editorial: Dhirubhai Ambani, 1932-2002. *Hindu*. July 9, 2002 : 10.
- No adverse impact of Ambani's death. *Hindu*. July 9, 2002 : 18.
- Narasimhan, C.R.L. Financial Scene. Dhirubhai and the capital market. *Hindu*. July 13, 2002 : 17.

Describing Dhirubhai Ambani, in his article, 'The phenomenon called Dhirubhai' in *Tribune*, eminent writer S. Nihal Singh writes: "Dhirubhai's contribution was far greater than that of phenomenally successful businessman. He accomplished what no one else had achieved in India –converted the people to capitalism in a country traditionally comfortable with the mantras of Fabian socialism filtered by Nehru. In effect, he was both a Henry Ford and an investment guru and converted people by keeping his word and his performance."

- Singh, S. Nihal. The phenomenon called Dhirubhai : People's capitalist who bent licence raj. *Tribune*. July 13, 2002 : 11.
- Profile : Dhirubhai sons lead by their own example. *Tribune*. July 14, 2002 : 13.

US Congressman Gary Ackerman: "Dhirubhai's saga was the ultimate success story, one that highlights the ability of capitalism to flourish in India".

- Priamal, Gita. Dhirubhai Ambani: Premier League. *India Today*. July 16-22, 2002 : 58-59.

"The Reliance founder's contribution to Indian industry is best described in relation to two other greats, the men behind the Tata and Birla empires."

- Karmali, Naazneen. A Lifetime Achievement. *Business India*. July 8-21, 2002 : 58-60.
- Goswami, Omkar. Appraisal : When the Eyes Locked In. *Outlook*. July 16–22, 2002 : 45.
- Chandrasekhar, C.P. The Dhirubhai legend. *Frontline*. 19(15). July 20 August 2 ; 23-24.

To commemorate the 70th birth anniversary of Late Mr. Dhirubhai Ambani, the Information Technology Minister Mr. Pramod Mahajan launched a stamp showing Mr. Ambani, in Mumbai on December 28, 2002. The stamp is priced at Rs. 5/-

- *Tribune*. December 29, 2002 : 19.
- *Hindu*. December 29, 2002 : 15.

Ambani, Mukesh

Mukesh Ambani on June 4, 2002 took over as the Chairman of the Indian Petrochemicals Limited (IPCL) following the Company's acquisition by Reliance Industries. The 12-member reconstituted Board will have six nominees from Reliance and two from the government. There will be four independent directors.

- Mukesh Ambani is IPCL Chairman. *Tribune*. June 5, 2002 : 13.
- Mukesh Ambani to head IPCL. *Hindu*. June 5, 2002 : 16.

Shri Mukesh Ambani (45) was elected unanimously the Chairman and Managing Director of group's flagship Reliance Industries Ltd. at its Board meeting in Mumbai on July 31, 2002. Anil Ambani was elected the Vice-Chairman and MD. Mukesh holds an MBA from the Stanford University of the US. He joined his father in 1981.

- Mukesh takes charge. *Indian Express*. August 1, 2002 : 11.

The Chairman of Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd. (IPCL), Mr. Mukesh Ambani on September 27, 2002 called upon the company's officers and employees to be more willing to change and adapt to the fast changing environment that would be key to the survival of the company in the future. He was addressing the 33rd annual meeting of the IPCL in Vadodara. Ambani said IPCL would be recognised as the most successful example of the disinvestment programme of the Government.

- Ambani sees bright prospects for IPCL. *Hindu*. September 28, 2002 : 16.

Amin, Chirayu

Industrialist, Chirayu Amin was on September 16, 2002 re-elected the President of the Baroda Cricket Association and the panel led by him made a clean sweep of the first ever Executive Committee elections in the Association's 65-year history. Amin defeated Mumbai-based businessman Sangramsinh Gaekwad by a margin of 120 votes in a straight fight.

- In Brief : Setback for Lele. *Tribune*. September 17, 2002 : 14.
- Sports Digest : Amin re-elected. *Times of India*. September 17, 2002 : 19.

Amonkar, Kishori

Hindustani classical vocalist Kishori Amonkar was honoured with Padma Vibhushan on March 23, 2002 in New Delhi.

- Amonkar gets Padma Vibhushan. *Tribune*. March 23, 2002 : 10.

Amrita Pritam

Punjab Government has decided to honour legendary Punjabi poetess Amrita Pritam with a cash award of Rs.15 lakhs and a memento for her outstanding contribution to the promotion of Punjabi literature. This was announced on June 27, 2002 at Chandigarh by Capt. Amarinder Singh, CM Punjab.

- Rs.15 lakhs award for Amrita Pritam. *Times of India.* June 28, 2002 : 5.
- Amrita Pritam to be honoured. *Tribune*. June 28, 2002 : 7.

Eminent Punjabi writer Amrita Pritam was conferred the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for her outstanding contribution towards the promotion of Punjabi literture and strengthening the concept of Punjabi and Punjabiat. The award was conferred by the Chief Minister of Punjab, Capt. Amarinder Singh on July 4, 2002. Amrita Pritam was presented a cheque for Rs.15 lakh, a plaque and a phulkari.

- Lifetime award for Amrita Pritam. *Tribune*. July 5, 2002 : 7.
- Punjab's poet laureate gets her due. *Times of India*. July 6, 2002 : 4.

Noted Punjabi writer and novelist, Amrita Pritam was given a financial help of Rs. 1 lakh by a leading book publisher Rupa and Company on December 24, 2002 following an appeal by Punjab CM, Capt. Amarinder Singh.

- Rs. one-lakh aid for Amrita Pritam. *Times of India*. December 25, 2002 : 2.

Amritanandamayi (Mata)

Noted spiritual leader Mata Amritanandamayi of Kerala was presented the prestigious Gandhi–King Award for Non-violence at the United Nations General Assembly Hall in Geneva on October 7, 2002. The award, named after legendary freedom fighters, Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was personally presented to Amma by Ms. Jane Goodall, the world famous British primatologist, who won the award in 2001.

- In Brief : Amritanandamayi gets Gandhi–King Award. *Tribune*. October 9, 2002 : 8.

Anand, Ketan

Mr. Ketan Anand and Mr. Vivek Anand, sons of the late director Chetan Anand were sentenced to life imprisonment by a sessions court in Mumbai on July 31, in the Priya Rajvansh murder case. Ms. Priya Rajvansh, a close friend of Chetan Anand, was found dead on March 23, 2002 with strangulation marks on the throat. She was to inherit one-third of the property of Chetan Anand.

- Chetan's sons get life term : Plotted to kill Priya to deny her share of bequest. *Tribune*. August 1, 2002 : 1.

Anand, Viswanathan

Viswanathan Anand defeated Anatoly Karpov of Russia in the final and clinched the Eurotel World Chess Championship at Prague on May 5, 2002. Having won first of the two games played under classical time control on May 4, Anand settled for a comfortable draw after 34 moves to clinch the clash of two former world champions by 1.5-0.5 margin.

- Anand annexes Eurotel title. *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 16.

Viswanathan Anand crashed to his first defeat in Advanced Chess Championship in four years when he suffered a 2.5 –3.5 loss to Vladimir Kramnik of Russia at Leon (Spain) on June 23. The six-game match finished with another drawn encounter between the two masters. The only decisive game in the match saw Kramnik defeating Anand in the third game. For

Kramnik it was sweet revenge since he had lost match at the Mainz Chess Classic 2001.

– Anand bites dust after another draw: *Times of India*. June 25, 2002 : 15.

Stung by the defeat in the third game, V. Anand struck back immediately to defeat World Champion Ruslan Ponomariov of Ukraine in the fourth and draw level in the eight-game duel in the Mainz Chess Classic in Mainz (Germany) on August 17, 2002.

– Anand bounces back. *Times of India*. August 19, 2002 : 18.

India's Chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand launched the NIIT Mind Champion's Academy in New Delhi on September 13, 2002. The Academy plans to go about teaching chess basics to children. It will reach out to an estimate 7·5 lakh students in the age-group of 10–15 years.

– Anand launches academy. *Hindu*. September 14, 2002 : 18.

World cup chess champion Viswanathan Anand on November 4, 2002 scored a hat-trick by winning the 6th Corsica Masters rapid chess tournament at Bastia in France. He defeated his old rival Anatoly Karpov of Russia 4–2 in the tie-break to win 20,000 Euro in cash prize.

– Anand makes it a hat-trick at Corsica. *Hindu*. November 6, 2002 : 19.

Angami, Neituo

Angami (64), Editor of Nagaland's first English weekly "Citizen's Voice", passed away in Kohima on June 4, 2002. He is survived by wife, five sons and three daughters. He was elected from the Northern Angami constituency in 1964 and was the youngest legislator at 26. At present he was the Vice-President of the ex-Parliamentarians Association of Nagaland. He founded the Naga Services at Shillong and later launched the "Citizens Voice" from Kohima in 1969.

– Nagaland's English weekly editor dead. *Tribune*. June 6, 2002 : 8.

Ansari, Aftab

Prime suspect in the January 22, 2002 Kolkata attack outside the American Centre, Aftab Ansari alias Farhan Malik was deported by the United Arab Emirates authorities to India. Ansari's accomplice, Rajender Kumar Anadkot was also deported. Both were brought from Dubai by a special Government plane. Investigations indicate Ansari's links with Pakistan-based militant Omar Sheikh. He was allegedly involved in the kidnapping of a Kolkata shoe baron in July 2001.

– Aneja, Atul. UAE deports mastermind behind Kolkata attack. *Hindu*. February 10, 2002 : 1.

– Ansari held in UAE, brought to Delhi. *Sunday Tribune*. February 10, 2002 : 1.

– CBI efforts pay-off. *Hindu*. February 10, 2002 : 1.

– Vinay Kumar. Ansari remanded to week-long CBI custody. *Hindu*. February 11, 2002 : 1.

– Menon Kesava. Aftab was deported, not extradited. *Hindu*. February 11, 2002 : 1.

– Editorial : CBI secures its terrorist. *Tribune*. February 11, 2002 : 12.

Editorial in '*Hindu*', dated Feb. 12, 2002 writes : ... the swift deportation of Ansari which was achieved without the time consuming procedures that attend the process of extradition is truly astonishing ... What was responsible for Ansari's swift and surprising deportation ? Principally, the drastic changes in official attitude towards global terror following the September 11 attacks. Given the prevailing international climate, it is a safe guess that the UAE–which has successfully managed to insulate itself against the threat of Islamic extremism–was keen on demonstrating its unwillingness to be perceived as providing a haven for terrorists.

– Editorial : The deportation of Ansari. *Hindu*. February 12, 2002 : 8.

– Chakraborty, Sanghamitra. Bar girl blows the lid on Ansari Bhai. *Sunday Times of India*. September 15, 2002 : 6.

Antil, Ravi

The body of the natural kayaking champion Ravi Antil floated to the surface at the regulator end of the Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh on Sept. 19, after he had mysteriously disappeared while practising at the rowing channel of the lake on Sept. 17.

Ravi Antil was assistant sub inspector in CRPF and was 18 years old. He was form Kurar village of Sonepat district of Haryana. It is said that he had nearly completed 10 km up and down on the course when it was noticed that his kayak was titled and filled with water in the middle of the channel.

– Kayak champion drowns while practising at Sukhna Lake. *Times of India*. September 18, 2002 : 1.

– Antil body found. *Times of India*. September 20, 2002 : 1.

Antony, A.K.

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee reconstituted the Standing Committee of Inter-State Council by nominating Kerala Chief Minister A.K. Antony in place of former Punjab Chief Minister Prakash Singh Badal.

– Antony replaces Badal on inter-state panel. *Tribune*. May 1, 2002 : 8.

Anup Kumar

Mr. Anup Kumar, a B.Tech I student of Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) Lucknow, committed suicide after being tortured during ragging exercise by the senior students. UP Chief Minister Ms. Mayawati on September 14, 2002 ordered an inquiry into the ragging of Anup Kumar. The 3-member inquiry committee was asked to submit its report within a week.

– Tripathi, Ashish. The dark side of ragging exposed. *Times of India*. September 15, 2002 : 7.

Arjan Singh

Being marginalised in the Congress Party, Arjan Singh talked about increasing attacks on Dalits in MP. The Congress Party advises CM Digvijay Singh to massage the stalwart's bruised ego so that he stops making noises.

– Struggling to stay in limelight. *India Today*. September 23, 2002 : 22.

Arjan Singh, Air Chief Marshal (Retd.)

Former Indian Air Force Chief, Arjan Singh, has been made the first-ever Marshal of the Indian Air Force, in recognition of the extraordinary services rendered by him towards the development of the IAF into a highly professional service. The rank has been conferred on Arjan Singh, 33 years after his retirement as the IAF Chief. Born in 1919, he was selected for Pilot's training at Cranwell, the U.K. and was commissioned into the Royal IAF in late 1939. He was conferred with the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for his outstanding leadership in the Burma campaign during the Second World War. He was appointed the Chief of Air Staff in July 1964 and was the first IAF Chief to be promoted to the rank of Air Chief Marshal in December 1965. Few days after his retirement from IAF in 1971, he was appointed Ambassador to Switzerland.

– Arjan Singh is IAF Marshal. *Hindu.* January 26, 2002 :1.

– He restructured the IAF. *Hindu.* January 26, 2002 : 9.

– The return of the Hero. *Hindu.* January 26, 2002 : 9.

President K.R. Narayanan presented the baton of the Marshal of Air Force to Air Chief Marshal Arjan Singh at an investiture ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan on April 23, 2002. Among those present at the ceremony were Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee, Defence Minister George Fernandes and the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal S. Krishnaswamy.

– Arjan Singh is first Marshal of IAF. *Tribune.* April 24, 2002 : 8.

Arora, Balvir (Prof.)

Prof. Balvir Arora of the Centre for Political Studies has been appointed as University Rector of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) Delhi.

– New JNU rector. *Hindu.* June 12, 2002 : 3.

Arora, N.K.

Mr. N.K. Arora, an IAS Officer of the 1965 batch, on August 7, joined as a Member of the Punjab State Human Rights Commission (PSHRC). He was due to retire on August 31. Mr. Arora will have a five-year term and the status of a sitting Judge of the High Court.

– N.K. Arora joins as PSHRC member. *Tribune.* August 8, 2002 : 5.

A petition has been filed by a human rights organisation seeking the quashing of a notification appointing N.K. Arora as the member of Punjab State Human Rights Commission. The petition says that a tainted civil servant could not be appointed member and also Mr. Arora had no practical experience of human rights.

– Notice on PHRC appointment. *Tribune.* October 11, 2002 : 4.

Arora, Sunil

Sunil Arora, a Rajasthan cadre IAS officer has been appointed Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Airlines. Union Civil Aviation Minister cleared the appointment of Arora following approval from the Prime Minister's Office. Mr. Sunil Arora has been appointed as the CMD of Indian Airlines for a period of three years.

– Parsai, Gargi. Sunil Arora new IA Chief. *Hindu.* June 12, 2002 : 12.

– In the News: IA's full-time CMD. *Tribune.* June 13, 2002 : 10.

Arun Prakash (Admiral)

Admiral Arun Prakash will be the new Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of the Western Naval Command, in Mumbai. He will take over on January 1, 2003. At present Admiral Prakash is Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Country's first tri-services command at Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

– New Chief of Western Naval Command. *Hindu.* December 30, 2002 : 13.

– Gen Vij takes over tomorrow. *Tribune.* December 30, 2002 : 1.

Ashwani Kumar

Ashwani Kumar of the Congress Party was on May 20, 2002 declared elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha. The result of Ashwani Kumar's election was announced by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha Secretary, Mr. N.S. Mavi.

– Ashwani Kumar elected to RS. *Tribune.* May 21, 2002 : 10.

Atre, Prabha

Prabha Atre, a noted classical singer has been selected for award by Mumbai-based Federation of Associations of Maharashtra for her contribution to music. The award would be given away by noted scientist Dr. Vasant Gowarikar at Sangli on May 25.

– Award for singer Prabha Atre. *Tribune.* May 25, 2002 : 8.

Atwal, Satwant

Mrs. Satwant Atwal is the first woman district police chief in Himachal Pradesh. She has been appointed the Superintendent of Police, Una during reshuffle in the Police Department on November 12, 2002.

– HP appoints woman district police chief. *Tribune*. November 13, 2002 : 6.

Aulakh, K.S. (Dr)

Vice-Chancellor of Punjab Agricultural University, Dr K.S. Aulakh is involved in a controversy on the extension of service for four months to Mr. S.K. Bhatia, Comptroller.

In fact, the cold war between the Registrar and the Vice-Chancellor is being seen as the major reason for the new development.

The difference of opinion between them was visible at the time when the former comptroller, Mr. S.K. Bhatia, was given extension for four months after his retirement. As per the documents, a copy of which is in possession of *Ludhiana Tribune*, the Registrar, Mr. Alok Shekhar, had raised an objection to the extension of the Comptroller stating : "The matter (regarding the extension) cannot be considered to have been discussed in the meeting of the Board of Management of PAU and hence the decision of the Board has not been followed. The orders cannot be issued, the same being illegal and arbitrary and against the set procedure."

In reply to this letter the VC, Dr K.S. Aulakh, had written : "The undersigned (VC) has not relished the language used by the Registrar in his office note. The undersigned is fully aware of his duties and responsibilities and he will be the last person to resort to any arbitrary or illegal decisions."

It's Registrar vs Vice-Chancellor. *Ludhiana Tribune*. January 25, 2002 : 1.

Aurora, Jagjit Singh, Lt. Gen. (Retd.)

A complaint case no. 145 (C) of 2001 was filed by Mohar Lal Manjhi, a Jharkh and Government official, against the Chairman of the Hindustan Financial Management Ltd., Lt. Gen. Jagjit Singh Aurora (Retd.) and others. Non-bailable arrest warrants against the General and seven others have been issued by a Patna Court on August 11. The General has sought through a petition anticipatory bail. General J.S. Arora (Retd.) is the war hero of 1971 Indo-Pak war.

– Non-bailable warrants against Gen. Aurora. *Tribune*. August 12, 2002 : 8.

Azad, Ghulam Nabi

Ghulam Nabi Azad, the PCC Chief was unanimously elected leader of the Legislature of Congress Party in Srinagar on October 14. Immediately after that Azad went to Raj Bhavan to meet the Governor, G.C. Saxena for discussing the position of Congress to form a Government in J & K.

– Congress, PDP adamant, Azad is CLP Chief. *Tribune*. October 15, 2002 : 1.

– Pandit, M. Saleem. Azad elected CLP leader, PDP quiet. *Times of India*. October 15, 2002 : 1.

Congress leader, Ghulam Nabi Azad has been made the chairman of a nine-member coordination committee to monitor the functioning of the PDP-Congress coalition government in Jammu and Kashmir. The committee has been formed by Congress president Mrs. Sonia Gandhi.

– Nine-member panel to monitor J&K Govt. *Sunday Times of India.* December 29, 2002 : 7.

Azad, K.C. (Dr.)

Dr. K.C. Azad, a former Director of Horticulture, and a former member of the Himachal Planning Board, has been selected for the Rashtriya Rattan Award by the Global Economic Council, New Delhi, for his contribution to the development of horticulture and hydel generation in the interior of the hill states.

The award will be presented during the conference on "India's Economic Liberalisation – Gateway to Success" to be held at the India International Centre, New Delhi on 26th June. This is the sixth award for Dr. Azad who was earlier honoured with the Secular India Harmony Award in 1996 by the former President of India and a Special Award of Honour by the Himachal Government during the 50 years of Himachal horticulture celebrations in 1998.

He has the distinction of being the first Himachali entrepreneur to venture into the field of hydel power, being the first person in the state to undertake the execution of a micro-hydel project. He is also the founder President of the Himalayan Agro Systems, an NGO consultancy services agency in the field of horticulture both within and outside the State.

– Rattan Award for K.C. Azad. *Tribune.* June 25, 2002 : 6.

Azad, Kirti Jha

A local court in Darbhanga (Bihar) issued a warrant against former Test Cricketer and BJP MP, Mr. Kirti Azad and others for alleged ransacking of a local electricity office and for evading court in connection with the case.

– Warrants against Kirti Azad. *Hindu.* September 30, 2002 : 5.

Azmi, Kaifi

Noted Urdu poet Kaifi Azmi, Hindi fiction writer, Bhishan Sahni and Assamese poet Nilmani Phukan were elected Fellows of the Sahitya Akademi on February 19, 2002. The fellowship is Akademi's highest honour and is reserved for "the immortals of literature."

– Bhisham Sahni, Kaifi Azmi in Sahitya Akademi. *Tribune.* February 20, 2002 : 8.

Renowned poet Kaifi Azmi (82) passed away in Mumbai on May 10, 2002 following prolonged illness. Born in Mijawan, Azamgarh district of Uttar Pradesh in a zamindar family, Azmi turned a rebel in his youth and abandoned his studies during the 1942 Quit India Movement while identifying with the progressive ideology. He is survived by his wife Shaukat, daughter actress-social activist and MP Shabana Azmi and son cinematographer Baba Azmi.

Kaifi Azmi's poetry was a cry against injustice, oppression and communalism. He was the inveterate critic and commentator on the way the world had changed and social mores had fallen. Kaifi had actually become a recluse from society a long time ago, clearly unhappy with the world around him. Amongst his most notable works in poetry are *Aurat, Makaan*, *Baharoopni* and *Doosra Banwas*. Some of the films for which he wrote songs are *Hanste Zakhm*, Chetan Anand's *Haqeeqat*, Guru Dutt's *Kagaz ke Phool*, Mahesh Bhatt's *Arth*, Shaid Latif's *Buzdil,* M.S. Sathyu's *Garam Hawa, Pakeezah, Heer Ranjha, Kohra, Dhoop Chhaon*.

- Kaifi – a poet with revolutionary zeal. *Hindu.* May 11, 2002 : 9.
- Vijapurkar, Mahesh. Not a mere film lyricist. *Hindu.* May 11, 2002 : 13.
- Jain, Devaki. He had a vision for his village. *Hindu.* May 13, 2002 : 13.
- Balakrishnan, Lakshmi. An extraordinary date with Kaifi Saab. *Hindu.* May 15, 2002 : 1.
- Nagpal, B.B. Kaifi Azmi's disenchantment showed in his songs. *Tribune.* May 17, 2002 : 17.
- Koskote, Ranjit. Kaifi Azmi : Beacon of resistance. *Hindu Sunday Magazine.* May 19, 2002 : 3.

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Babar, Mohd. Ilyas

Dronacharya awardee athletics coach Mohd. Ilyas Babar (76) passed away in Hyderabad on July 30, 2002. Babar coached the Indian teams for various international events including the Asian Games, the Olympic Games and World Championships with 17 of his wards won Asiad golds.

- Dronacharya awardee Ilyas Babar dead. *Tribune*. July 31, 2002 : 16.
- Unnikrishnan, M.S. An 'institution' passes into history. *Tribune*. August 10, 2002 : 18.

Babi, Parveen

Former actress Parveen Babi had offered to tender evidence against film star Sanjay Dutt on his involvement in 1993 bomb blast case. A journalist wrote to the trial court alleging that the actress was misleading the judiciary at the behest of absconding Abu Salem.

- Parveen Babi misled court : journalist. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 8.
- Court rejects Babi's plea. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 8.
- Court dismisses Babi's plea. *Times of India*. August 20, 2002 : 8.

Babu Bajarangi

Babu Bajarangi alleged to be one of the three leaders of mob that burnt alive 86 persons at Naroda-Patia on February 28, 2002. He was arrested by the crime branch of Gujarat police on May 28, 2002 along with other prime accused, namely Padmendra Singh alias P.J. Rajput and Kishan Khubchand Korani. Police say that Bajarangi is associated with the Bajarang Dal.

- 3 arrested for Naroda carnage. *Times of India*. May 30, 2002 : 7.
- Naroda accused is a BJP leader. *Times of India*. May 30, 2002 : 9.

Bachchan, Abhishek

A year after film actor Abhishek Bachchan along with two others got involved in a fight with two photo journalists on the sets of *Bas Itna Sa Khwab H*ai near Delhi India Gate, a Delhi Court on May 4 discharged them after a compromise was reached between him and complainants. Abhishek was accompanied by Samajwadi Party General Secretary Amar Singh as he was coming out of the Patiala House Court and it appeared that the latter had played a part in arriving at the compromise.

- Abhishek discharged in assault case. *Tribune*. May 5, 2002 : 9.

Bachchan, Amitabh

A person carrying a knife forced his way into the bungalow of Amitabh Bachchan in suburban Juhu (Mumbai) on October 4, 2002 but was soon overpowered by the security guards.

- In Brief : Armed intruder in Bachchan's house. *Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 10.

Bollywood superstar, Mr. Amitabh Bachchan turned 60 on October 11, 2002. Hundreds of fans gathered outside his residence at Juhu in Mumbai to wish the megastar. Bachchan arrived at the gate to accept the greetings of fans and well-wishers and thanked them for the overwhelming response. On this occasion, a book, "To be or not to be Amitabh Bachchan" which chronicles the life and times of the star was released. The book has been written by film critic and director Khalid Mohammad.

- Amitabh whips up mass hysteria. *Tribune*. October 12, 2002 : 8.
- Fans celebrate as Amitabh turns 60. *Times of India*. October 12, 2002 : 11.
- Mumbai agog over Amitabh birthday. *Hindu*. October 12, 2002 : 9.
- Dharkar, Anil. At the peak, always. *Friday review* : *Hindu*. October 18, 2002 : 1.

Bachi, Gurbachan Singh

President of the SAD, Parkash Singh Badal on January 27 expelled Mr. Gurbachan Singh Bachi, administrative member of the PSEB from the Party for his alleged anti-party activities, especially his opposition to the party candidate—Mr. Baldev Singh Mann, from Dirba and his support to an Independent.

- Badal expels Bachi. *Tribune*. January 28, 2002 : 5.

Badal, Gurdev Singh

Veteran Akali leader and former Agriculture Minister of Punjab, Mr. Gurdev Badal was arrested on November 23, 2002 by the Punjab's Vigilance Bureau on the charges under the Prevention of Corruption Act for amassing property worth Rs. 1·7 crore in the past five years.

- Former Akali Minister, Gurdev Badal arrested. *Hindu*. November 25, 2002 : 5.
- Gurdev Badal in police custody. *Tribune*. November 25, 2002 : 1, 13.
- Cops tortured Gurdev alleges Badal. *Tribune*. November 30, 2002 : 5.
- VB unearths promotion scam : Accuses Gurdev Badal of perpetrating it. *Tribune*. December 3, 2002 : 1, 16.

Badal, Kumar

Tehelka reporter Kumar Badal was arrested on July 3, 2002 by the CBI in connection with the poaching of endangered leopards in the Shivalik forests of Uttar Pradesh. He was arrested following his whole day interrogation at the CBI headquarters.

- Tehelka reporter held. *Hindu*. July 4, 2002 : 1.
- Tehelka scribe held. *Times of India*. July 5, 2002 : 9.

Badal, Parkash Singh

Mr. Parkash Singh Badal, the former Chief Minister of Punjab on March 2002 held Reliance Industries Ltd. responsible for the downfall of his government (Akali-BJP alliance) in the Punjab elections. He alleged that the Reliance group spent huge amount of money to influence both print and electronic media which led to his defeat.

– Badal blames Reliance for SAD-BJP defeat. *Tribune*. March 4, 2002 : 16.

Mr. Gudas Girdhar, a member of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) said at Bhatinda on May 5 that if former Chief Minister, Parkash Singh Badal, had not indulged in bungling during his tenure, he should cooperate in the drive launched by Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh against corrupt officials.

– Join anti-graft drive, Badal told. *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 6.

Former Chief Minister of Punjab, Parkash Singh Badal's letters recommending the tainted PPSC Chief Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu's appointment as a member of the Union Public Service Commission were released by Chief Minister Capt. Amarinder Singh at a press conference on May 15, 2002. In one of his letters dated October 16, 2001 addressed to Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, Badal writes – "I wish to bring to your kind notice my request personally made to you in May this year regarding the appointment of Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu…"

In another letter dated December 26, 2001, Badal writes to the Prime Minister Vajpayee, "With reference to my telephone to you on Sunday, December 23, 2001, I wish to reiterate my request for appointing Shri Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu, Chairman, Punjab Public Service Commission, as a member of the Union Public Service Commission… I hope you will consider my request sympathetically, as it is personally and politically important to me".

– Dhaliwal, Sarbjit. Badal sought UPSC berth for Sidhu. *Tribune*. May 16, 2002 : 1

In an editorial the *Tribune* writes: "It was wrong on the part of the former Chief Minister to have sought the PPSC Chairman's induction in the UPSC with the Prime Minister's help without verifying his credentials… What is puzzling is Mr. Badal's sheer indifference to the basics of statecraft. In the first place, he was just being casual while writing letters to Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee on his official letterheads and seeking a favour for the PPSC Chairman. He followed up these communications with phone calls. A thorough gentleman that he is, Mr. Badal was at least being consistent in his elevation pleas for Mr. Sidhu.

– Bharadwaj, Ajay. Vigilance to probe Badal-Sidhu Proximity. *Times of India*. May 17, 2002 : 1.

– Editorial: These "letter bombs!" *Tribune*. May 18, 2002 : 10.

– Badal, others issued notice in PPSC case. *Times of India*. July 12, 2002 : 4.

SAD President Parkash Singh Badal called the observing of the martyrdom of Sant Longowal by Congress an act of moral and political hypocrisy. He said that Punjab Congress shall be observing two anniversaries–one of the betrayer and the other of the betrayed, referring to the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi.

– Badal flays Congress move on Longowal's death anniversary. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 5.

Badal, Sukhbir Singh

The entire Opposition in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha on March 19, demanded a CBI inquiry into the alleged improper allotment of over 17 acres of prime land in Gurgaon to Orbit Resorts, a company owned by Mr. Sukhbir Singh Badal son of former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal. The Opposition alleged that the Badal family has been benefitted to the extent of Rs. 600 crore. However the Haryana Chief Minister Mr. O.P. Chautala denied any irregularity.

– Gupta, Yoginder. Oppn. for CBI probe into land to Sukhbir. *Tribune*. March 20, 2002 : 14.

Sukhbir Singh Badal, Rajya Sabha MP and son of former Punjab CM, Parkash Singh Badal, was booked by the Punjab Police, on June 22, 2002, on the charges of attempting to murder a photo journalist, Naresh Sehgal during 1999 in Faridkot district. The case was made on June 21, 2002 on the direction of Punjab and Haryana High Court. Naresh Sehgal had alleged that Badal and his supporters snatched his camera and assaulted him with the intention of killing him.

– Digest: Charge sheeted. *Hindu.* June 23, 2002 : 1.

Badra, Noman

The Chief of the Uttar Pradesh unit of Student Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) Noman Badra was arrested in Lucknow on May 5 while distributing objectionable literature among the activists of outlawed outfit. He was on his way to Gonda. He was arrested by Railway Police at Lucknow's Charbagh railway station.

– SIMI's UP Chief held. *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 1.

Badungar, Kirpal Singh (Prof.)

Shiromani Akali Dal nominee, Prof. Kirpal Singh Badungar was re-elected as SGPC Chief in the SGPC elections held in Amritsar on November 12, 2002. Professor Badungar defeated Sant Vir Singh Madhoke put up by a seven-member committee in the presidential election of the SGPC by 23 votes.

– Badungar re-elected SGPC chief. *Tribune*. November 13, 2002 : 1, 16.

Bagga, D.S.

The Export Commissioner at the Centre, D.S. Bagga, a 1967 batch IAS officer, was appointed as UP Chief Secretary on May 23. He replaced A.P. Verma, who was then the Chief Secretary.

A gentleman walked in at about 11:30 p.m. where Verma was holding a meeting, interrupted him and said: "Excuse me, I am the new Chief Secretary". He then assumed charge as UP's 36th Chief Secretary at midnight. The dramatic development has left the state bureaucracy rattled. A retired official commented on this: The IAS cadre is a victim of the changing values of society. It has no faith in the past and no hope for future.

– UP Chief Secretary replaced. *Tribune.* May 25, 2002 : 8.

Bahadur Singh

29 year old Bahadur Singh, won gold in the men's shot put at the 14th Asian Games in Busan in South Korea. He hurled the iron ball to a distance of 19.03 m. to fetch India's second gold in athletics on October 8, 2002.

– Beenamol, Bahadur clinch gold. *Tribune.* October 8, 2002 : 1, 18.

Bahal, Anirudh

Mr. Anirudh Bahal, senior *Tehelka* news portal scribe was arrested by Delhi police on August 7, in connection with a CBI complaint alleging manhandling by him. He was questioned for an hour at the police station and later produced before Metropolitan Magistrate who granted him bail on a personal bond of Rs. 25000/- and a surety for the like amount, besides directing him to surrender his passport.

– *Tehelka* scribe held, let off on bail. *Tribune.* August 8, 2002 : 1.

– Bahal's arrest undermocratic says Editors Guild. *Tribune.* August 9, 2002 : 18.

Bajaj, Rahul

One of the country's leading industrialists, Rahul Bajaj was rushed to the Mumbai's Breach Candy hospital on June 21, 2002 after he complained of chest pain. Doctors performed an emergency angioplasty procedure on Bajaj on June 22, 2002. Rahul Bajaj is Managing Director of Bajaj Auto, India's biggest manufacturer of two-wheeler scooters.

– Rahul Bajaj hospitalized. *Tribune.* June 23, 2002 : 21.

– Abir Pal. Bajaj vs. Bajaj. *Business Today.* 11(16). August 5-18, 2002 : 72-75.

– Panchu, Sriram. The Bajaj dispute and mediation. *Hindu.* September 5, 2002 : 10.

Leading industrialist Mr. Rahul Bajaj has been elected as Co-Chairman of the Commonwealth Business Council in London. The other Co-Chairman elected at the council meeting was Hugh Morgan, CEO of Western Mining Company of Australia. They will succeed Lord Cairns of UK, the current chairman of the Council.

– Biz-Bits : Rahul Bajaj in Commonwealth Business Council. *Indian Express*. September 25, 2002 : 11.

India's leading automobile industrialist Rahul Bajaj has been elected as Co-Chairman of the Commonwealth Business Council in London on September 24. He will assume his charge in December. The Council was established by the Commonwealth Heads of Government in 1997 to involve the private sector in the promotion of trade and investment.

– Rahul Bajaj Co-Chairman of Business Council. *Tribune*. September 25, 2002 : 13.

– Rahul Bajaj co-chairman of CBC. Hindu. September 25, 2002 : 16.

Bajpai, G.N.

Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation, Mr. G.N. Bajpai has taken over as Chairman of the capital market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He succeeds Mr. D.R. Mehta who retired on February 21, 2002 after putting in seven years as SEBI Chief.

– New SEBI Chief. *Tribune*. February 22, 2002 : 13.

– Jayakar, Roshni : Will new Chairman G.N. Bajpai make a big difference to SEBI ? *Business Today*. 11(16) August 5-18, 2002 : 58-62.

Bakshi, Anand

Renowned Hindi film lyricist, Anand Bakshi, died in Mumbai on March 30 following a prolonged illness. Bakshi who was not keeping well for the past six months, was admitted to Nanavati Hospital, where he breathed his last.

– Anand Bakshi passes away. *Tribune*. March 31, 2002 : 11.

– Anand Bakshi dead. *Hindu*. March 31, 2002 : 11.

Balakrishnan, S.

S. Balakrishnan, a four-time MLA, has been appointed the new TNCC president on September 24, 2002. The present president, E.V.K.S. Elangovan has been demoted and made the working president of TNCC. This has been done, it is believed, under pressures from the G.K. Vasan group.

– Elangovan demoted working president. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 7.

Mr. S. Balakrishnan has been chosen as the new Congress chief in TamilNadu. He replaces E.V.K.S. Elangovan. Sixty-six year old Mr. Balakrishnan has been a four-time MLA.

– Balu, A. Balakrishnan new TN Cong Chief. Tribune. September 26, 2002 : 8.

Balasubramanian, Dorairajan (Dr.)

Eminent scientist and Director of Research at the Hyderabad Eye Research Foundation, Prof. (Dr.) Dorairajan Balasubramanian will be conferred the National Order of Merit by the Government of France, for his contribution in bringing the French and Indian scientific communities closer together. French Ambassador would bestow this award on Prof. Balasubramanian on July 22, 2002.

– Honour for scientist. *Hindu*. July 21, 2002 : 4.

Balayogi, Ganti Mohana Chandra

India's first Dalit Lok Sabha Speaker, G.M.C. Balayogi, died on March 3, 2002 in helicopter crash. The incident took place at Kovvadalanka village bordering Krishna and West Godavari districts in Andhra Pradesh. Besides, Balayogi, his additional private secretary K. Sattiraju and the pilot G.V. Menon also lost their lives.

Balayogi was born on October 1, 1951 in a farmer family in the Yedurulanka village of East Godavari district of Andhara Pradesh. He did his Bachelors of Law from Andhra University, Visakhapatnam. His political career started as the Zilla Praja Parishad Chairman of East Godavari. In 1991 he was elected to Lok Sabha. Between 1996 and 1998, he was a member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly and a minister for higher education.

– Balayogi dies in copter crash. *Tribune*. March 4, 2002 :1.

– Editorial : G.M.C. Balayogi. *Tribune*. March 4, 2002 : 8.

– Editorial : Another tragic crash. *Hindu*. March 5, 2002 : 10.

– Parliament tributes to Balayogi. *Hindu*. March 5, 2002 : 11.

Bandopadhyay, Sandip

Sandip Bandopadhyay was removed as Trinamool Congress Chief Whip in the Lok Sabha, for meeting BJP leader Pramod Mahajan.

– Signposts. *India Today*. September 23, 2002 : 23.

Bandopadhyaya, Padma (Air Commodore)

Ms. P. Bandopadhyaya, became the first woman officer to rise to the rank of Air Vice-Marshal when she took over as the Additional Director-General, Armed Forces Medical Services in New Delhi on November 25, 2002. Ms. Bandopadhyaya was the first women officer to do the Defence Services Staff College course and to carry out research work at the Arctic as part of an Indian Expedition in 1989-90.

– Digest : Top IAF post for woman. *Hindu*. November 26, 2002 : 1.

– Spotlight : First Woman Air Vice-Marshal. *Tribune*. November 26, 2002 : 1, 10.

– In the News : Breaking the barriers in IAF. *Tribune*. December 5, 2002 : 10.

Banerjee, B. N.

Former Rajya Sabha member Mr. B.N. Banerjee (87) passed away at Kolkata on October 4, 2002. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. He also had served as the Rajya Sabha's Secretary-General.

– In Brief : RS Ex-member B.N. Banerjee dead. *Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 10.

Banerjee, Mamata

Mamata Banerjee, who had given a call for a nation-wide agitation against the Railway Minister, Nitish Kumar's move to bi-furcate the zonal railways, withdrew the decision after receiving an indication from the PMO that in the Cabinet reshuffle on July 1, she would be taken back into the ministry. PMO reportedly advised her not to go for any agitation against the Centre at this stage, which would send wrong signals to the NDA partners affecting ultimately her chances of returning to the ministry to which Ms. Banerjee responded.

– Mamata withdraws stir call. *Tribune*. June 29, 2002 : 10.

Banik, Somesh (Dr.)

Dr. Somesh Banik has taken over as the new Secretary of the Animal Welfare Board of India. He is the first veterinarian secretary of the Board. Till recently he was the Chief Marketing Manager of the State Trading Corporation of India, Kolkata.

– New Animal Welfare Board Secretary. *Hindu*. June 14, 2002 : 13.

Bansal, Fateh Chand

Fateh Chand Bansal has been appointed as an Additional Judge of the Rajasthan High Court by the President Mr. K.R. Narayanan on March 1.

– New H.C. Judges. *Hindu*. March 2, 2002 : 1.

Mr. Fateh Chand Bansal, an Additional Judge in the Rajasthan High Court has been appointed a Judge in the same High Court by the President on December 5.

– New judge for Rajasthan HC. *Hindu*. December 6, 2002 : 13.

Bansal, H.L.

H.L. Bansal, a deputy secretary in the Punjab Government is evading arrest and is absconding. He has been playing the role of key tout of PPSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu in the multi-crore-bribery scam. He is the first serving official against whom the State's Vigilance Bureau (VB) is tightening its noose.

– Bharadwaj, Ajay. VB guns for Sidhu's key PCS middleman. *Times of India*. May 16, 2002 : 5.

Banthia, V.S.

The CBI has registered a case against the income-tax commissioner Mr. V.S. Banthia for possessing properties and assets in excess to his known sources of income as also abusing his official position. CBI conducted raids and searches against the accused officer in Gwalior, Indore and Ahmedabad and found properties worth about Rs. 1·5 crore in his possession.

– Kanth, Pratyush. CBI nails I-T man, finds huge assets. *Times of India*. January 8, 2002 : 5.

CBI on January 8, 2002 arrested additional commissioner of income-tax in Gwalior, Mr. V.S. Banthia for allegedly amassing wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income.

– News Diggest : I-T Chief arrested. *Times of India*. January 9, 2002 : 1.

Additional Commissioner of Income Tax in Gwalior and an Indian Revenue Service officer Mr. V.S. Banthia was arrested on January 8, 2002 for allegedly amassing assets to the tune of over Rs. 2 crore which were disproportionate to his known sources of income.

– CBI nabs 17 official in Gwalior. *Tribune*. January 9, 2002 : 8.

Mr. V.S. Banthia, Additional Commissioner of Income Tax in Gwalior was granted bail till February 24, 2002 in a case of possessing property disproportionate to his known sources of income.

– In Brief : Bail granted to Banthia. *Sunday Tribune*. February 3, 2002 : 8.

Bapat, Vasant

Noted Marathi poet and former president of the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Parishad, Mr. Vasant Bapat (80) passed away on September 18, 2002 in Pune. He penned 30 books on poetry including. *Bijlee, Sethu, Akrav Disha, Sakina* and *Manasi*.

– India Digest : Vasant Bapat no more. *Times of India*. September 18, 2002 : 9.

Renowned Marathi poet and former president of the Akhil Bharatiya Marathi Sahitya Parished, Vasant Bapat died in Pune on September 18, 2002 following a brief illness. He was 80, and is survived by his wife.

– Marathi poet Bapat dead. *Tribune*. September 19, 2002 : 8.

Barnala, Surjit Singh

Mr. Surjit Singh Barnala, the Governor of Uttaranchal was on December 30, 2002 shifted as Governor to Andhra Pradesh for the rest of his term.

– Digest : Barnala new A.P. Governor. *Hindu*. December 31, 2002 : 1.

Barpujari, Heramba Kanta (Dr.)

Eminent historian and a former member of the Indian Council of Historical Research, Dr. Barpujari (89), passed away in Guwahati on April 16, 2002. He was regarded as an authority on the region's problem of foreigners' infiltration.

The Union Home Ministry has been inviting him to deliver lectures on the issue. He was honoured with the title of 'Itihas Acharya' by the Ason Sahitya Sabha.

– Historian "Barpujari' dead. *Tribune.* April 18, 2002 : 8.

Barua, Navakanta

Assam's most loved and respected poet Navakanta Barua (72) passed away in Guwahati on July 14, 2002 following respiratory problems. Barua had written 39 books and was a giant in Assamese literature. He was given Padma Bhushan in 1976 and the Sahitya Akademy award in 1975.

– Poet Navakanta Barua dead. *Tribune.* July 15, 2002 : 1.

Barua, Pranab

Noted painter from Assam, Pranab Barua (67) died in Nagaon on February 15, 2002. He had held exhibitions of his works at the Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata, Lalit Kala Academy and Tribeni Kala Sangam in Delhi.

– In brief : Painter Barua dead. *Tribune.* February 16, 2002 : 8.

Bastein Michael

Michael Bastein who has earlier served the Union Bank of India in various capacities has been appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of the Syndicate Bank.

– Bastein joins Syndicate Bank. *Times of India.* August 27, 2002 : 8.

Batra, Hemant

Leading corporate lawyer from India, Hemant Batra has been unanimously elected as Secretary-General of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation in Law (Saarclaw). Elections were held in Maldives. Batra replaces the outgoing Secretary-General, Bharat Raj Upreti from Nepal.

– Secretary-General of SAARCLAW. *Tribune.* June 19, 2002 : 8.

Bedi, Bishan Singh

Local Amritsar Service Club has denied entry to former Captain of Indian Cricket Team, Bishan Singh Bedi, who is currently in Amritsar for a cricket workshop. A pasted notice reads: Bishan Singh Bedi (ex-Captain, Indian Cricket Team) is debarred from the Club. No service will be given to him even as a guest. Instructions are to be followed strictly.

– Amritsar Club debars Bedi. *Times of India.* June 29, 2002 : 3.

Bedi, Kiran

On the basis of a nation-wide poll conducted by TN Sofres Mode, Mrs. Kiran Bedi heads the list of the top 10 among 100 outstanding Indian women.

– Trends and Pointers : Kiran Bedi most admired woman. *Tribune.* September 14, 2002 : 11.

– When I saw Kiran cry : P. Lal. *Tribune.* October 11, 2002 : 10.

Bedi, Kuldip Singh

Kuldip Singh Bedi, Manager, Punjab & Sind Bank, Mohali Branch was arrested by Mohali Police in Ravi Inder Singh Sidhu multi-crore bribe scam. Police had detected him to be one of prime accused who had transferred Sidhu's money to foreign banks through hawala transactions.

– Turf war : Bedi case handed over to VB. *Times of India*. June 25, 2002 : 1.

Bedi, Monica

Residents of Chabewal, native village of Bollywood starlet Monica Bedi who was arrested along with her husband Abu Salem, an underworld don, are in the state of disblief over the relationship Monica had with Salem, a prime accused in the Mumbai serial blasts. Monica is the daughter of Prem Kumar, an RMP, who migrated to Norway in 1974 and Monica was born next year. She last visited her native village in 1998.

– Residents of Monica's village shocked. *Tribune*. September 25, 2002 : 2.

Bedi, Paramjit Singh (Dr.)

Dr. Paramjit Singh Bedi, Professor of Surgery in Guru Nanak Hospital, Amritsar was indicted by the three-member Committee for assault on Dr. Atul Kumar, a junior resident who was beaten up by Gagandeep, Manjeet Singh and Jaspreet Singh on April 6 night. The report of the Committee said: "All statements recorded in the inquiry establish that Dr. Paramjit Singh Bedi came to see the patient without anyone inviting him to do so and without his duty assigned there. Hence it could be safely established that Dr. Bedi was behind the incident."

– Dr. Bedi indicted for assault on doctor. *Tribune*. April 10, 2002 : 5.

Beenamol, K.M.

India's middle distance runner, Ms. K.M. Beenamol won the women's 800 mt. final at the 14th Asian Games in Busan, South Korea on October 8, 2002. She won the event with a time of 2 : 04 : 17.

– Beenamol, Bahadur clinch gold. *Tribune*. October 9, 2002 : 1, 18.

Behari, O.P.

Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Development Commissioner of Rajasthan, Mr. O.P. Behari (59) died in Mumbai on October 15, 2002, following a prolonged illness. He was an IAS officer of 1966 batch. He served as Chairman of Rajasthan Roadways and Rajasthan Financial Corporation and Principal Secretary, Medical and Health, before his promotion as Additional Chief Secretary.

– Rajasthan official dead. *Hindu*. October 16, 2002 : 5.

Behera, Bhagabat

Senior Biju Janata Dal leader and Orissa School and Mass Education Minister, Bhagabat Behera (62) passed away in Bhubaneswar on June 3, 2002 after prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife and four daughters. Behera represented the Nayagarh Assembly Constituency in the State Assembly five times. He also worked as Minister in the Biju Patnaik Government from 1990 to 1995.

– Orissa Minister dead. *Hindu.* June 4, 2002 : 13.

Benegal, Shyam

Noted film maker Shyam Benegal, considered to be the father of new wave Indian cinema, plans to make a feature film on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Benegal says that the film would be ready for release by the middle of the year 2003. He was speaking at a function marking the release of a book titled, "Shyam Benegal" authored by Sangeeta Dutta.

– Global Monitor : Benegal to make film on Netaji. *Tribune*. October 19, 2002 : 9.

Beri, Ritu

Designer Ritu Beri is applauded by models at the end of her show on October 9, 2002 in Paris. She designed for Scherrer's Spring/Summer 2003 ready-to-wear fashion collection.

– Ritu Beri fashion show in Paris. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 14.

Besra, Monica

Monica Besra, a 35-years old Santhal woman was cured of an abdominal tumour after she offered prayers to Mother Teresa. Besra's cure is viewed as 'Mother's miracle.' The Roman Catholic Church has agreed with Besra. The office of Pope John Paul II has cleared this miracle.

– Biswas, Ashis K. Controversy : Curious Curing. *Outlook*. October 15-21, 2002 : 8.

Bhagwan Dada

Noted film actor of yesteryears, Bhagwan Abhaji Palav alias Bhagwan Dada (89) died at his residence in Mumbai on February 4, 2002. Born in a middle class family in 1913, he started his film career in a silent film, Bewafaa Aashiq' and later made his mark in talkies and had nearly 400 movies to his credit. He shot to fame with his musical romantic comedy 'Albela.'

– Spotlight : Bhagwan Dada of 'Albela' fame dead. *Tribune*. February 5, 2002 : 1.

– Devinder Bir Kaur. Bhagwan's riches to rags story. *Tribune*. February 8, 2002 : 15.

Bhagwat, Anjali Ved

Ace woman shooter, Anjali Ved Bhagwat was felicitated by her employers, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) for having qualified for the Athens Olympics after her recent fine performances in Europe and US. Anjali was given a reward of Rs.50,000 by the CISF DG H.J. Dora in New Delhi on June 7, 2002.

- Anajli felicitated. *Times of India*. June 9, 2002 : 21.

Bhagwati, P.N. (Justice)

Justice P.N. Bhagwati, a former Chief Justice of India, has been appointed the Chancellor of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Sanskrit Vidyapeeth. He succeeds Dr K.P.A. Menon, a former Defence Secretary, on the completion of his five-year tenure.

Justice Bhagwati, who is also the Chairman of UN Human Rights Commission, has acknowledged the appointment.

- Justice Bhagwati made Chancellor. *Tribune*. January 31, 2002 : 8.

Bhambra, Hardeep Singh

Mr. Hardeep Singh Bhambra, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to former Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal is facing Vigilance Bureau investigations. Punjab Vigilance Bureau has unearthed the movable and immovable properties of Mr. Bhambra, amounting to about Rs. 8·00 crore, including 17 bank accounts, five insurance policies, jewellary and shares. He spent Rs. 20 lakh on the marriage of his daughter.

- Goods seized OSD's house to be put in treasury. *Times of India*. September 4, 2002 : 5.
- Bhambra had assets worth Rs. 8 crore : VB. *Times of India*. September 7, 2002 : 3.
- Bhambra admits owning Rs. 1·33 cr. as 'white assets'. *Sunday Times of India*. September 8, 2002 : 6.
- Badal's OSD operated as property dealer. *Times of India*. September 10, 2002 : 5.

Bhanawat, Mahendra

Renowned ghazal singer, Jagjit Singh will be honoured with a fellowship of the Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy by the Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on June 11, 2002. CM will also confer fellowships, the highest honour of the Academy, on playwright Manu Bhandari, guitarist Brij Bhushan Kabra and folk art connoisseur, Mahendra Bhanawat.

Special promotional award will be given to Satvik Bhatt, a four-year old child prodigy and grandson of Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, who entered the Limca Book of Records for his ability to identify 60 ragas and taals.

- SNA honour for Jagjit Singh. *Hindu*. June 11, 2002 : 5.
- Honour for Singer Jagjit. *Tribune*. June 11, 2002 : 8.

Bhandari, Romesh

Former Uttar Pradesh Governor Mr. Romesh Bhandari, on October 16, 2002 joined the Janata Dal (Secular) headed by former Prime Minister Mr. H. Deve Gowda at a function in New Delhi. Mr. Bhandari was earlier with the Congress and had fought the Lok Sabha election from South Delhi in 1991 on Congress ticket. He was defeated.

– Bhandari joins Janata Dal (S). *Tribune*. October 17, 2002 : 8.

Bhangara, S.S. (Admiral)

Admiral S.S. Bhangara has been appointed new Commandant of the National Defence Academy at Khadakvasla. He is presently serving as Deputy Chief of the Integrated Staff.

– New Chief of Western Naval Command. *Hindu*. December 30, 2002 : 13.

– Gen. Vij takes over tomorrow. *Tribune*. December 30, 2002 : 1.

Bhangu, G.S.

Indian Women Hockey Federation (IWHF) appointed G.S. Bhangu as Chief Coach on March 15, 2002. This has been done in view of the absence of Chief Coach P.P. Antony from the senior national women hockey camp, being held at the NIS, Patiala.

– Bhangu Chief Coach. *Tribune*. March 16, 2002 : 21

Bhaniara, Piara Singh (Basra)

Police again arrested Baba Piara Singh Bhaniara under Sections 107, 151 of the IPC, fearing protest from the villagers of surrounding areas, and threat to his life. He was detained under the National Security Act to keep him behind the bars, but it was revoked.

– Baba Bhaniara re-arrested; villagers hold protest against him. *Tribune*. April 21, 2002 : 5.

– Another case against Baba Bhaniara. *Tribune*. May 4, 2002 : 5.

Bhansali, Sanjay Leela

Director Sanjay Leela Bhansali's film *Devdas* will have a special screening at the Cannes Film Festival on May 15, 2002. *Devdas* starring Shah Rukh Khan, Madhuri Dixit, Aishwarya Rai and Jackie Shroff was included in the official selection of films unveiled in Paris by the organizers of the film-festival.

– *Devdas* makes it to Cannes. *Tribune*. April 26, 2002 : 9.

Bhardwaj, Nakul

Mr. Nakul Bhardwaj has been elected as the President of Delhi University Student's Union defeating his nearest rival Ragini Nayak by 1597 votes. He is the student of Law Centre I and the vice-president of the outgoing Union.

– Snapshots : ABVP wins DUSU polls. *Sunday Times of India*. September 8, 2002 : 1.

Bhardwaj, R.N.

Mr. R.N. Bhardwaj, took over as the Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India on December 3, 2002.

– Briefly : New LIC Managing Director. *Hindu*. December 4, 2002 : 4.

Bharucha, S.P. (Chief Justice)

The Chief Justice of India, S.P. Bharucha is elected as President of the International Law Association (ILA). He succeeds Lord Mustill. Justice Bharucha's election as the President of ILA coincides with its 70th conference being held in Delhi. The International Law Association was established in 1873. It has made significant contributions to the evolution and growth of international law. It has been holding biennial conferences in different parts of the world. The last conference was held in London in 2000.

– Bharucha new ILA chief. *Hindu*. April 3, 2002 : 12.

Bhasin, Harsh

Harsh Bhasin, an Indian Foreign Service officer of 1968 batch is to be India's High Commissioner to Pakistan. The Cabinet Committee on Appointments has cleared his appointment. Till recently he was India's envoy to South Africa. He also had postings at Indian Missions in Hong Kong, Beijing, Kuala Lumpur and Kathmandu during his 34-year long distinguished career.

– In the News : A challenging job. *Tribune*. June 13, 2002 : 10.

Bhati, Devi Singh

BJP MLA and convenor of the Rajasthan Akal Rahat Sangharsh Samiti (RARSS), Mr. Devi Singh Bhati, sat on a "fast-unto-death" on September 27, 2002, against the State Government's alleged failure to provide relief to the drought-affected. Mr. Bhati is a former Rajasthan Irrigation Minister.

– MLA's fast continues. *Hindu*. September 30, 2002 : 5.

Bhatia, Arun

Mr. Arun Bhatia (IAS) an upright officer known for his impeccable honesty and integrity has faced 26 transfers in his 26-year career. He is presently Commissioner of the Tribal Research and Training Institute. Mr. Bhatia is in news for blaming malnutrition, an official euphemism for hunger, for the death of 122 tribal children in Maharashtra's Thane and Nandurbar districts. Irked by the Institute's reports the Maharashtra Government has saught an explanation from Mr. Bhatia. Maharashtra Government had denied that malnutrition was responsible for these fatalities.

– Radhika, V. Kid's death : Bhatia's reports irk govt. *Tribune*. September 23, 2002 : 8.

Bhatia, B.S.

Dr. B.S. Bhatia has been relieved form the charge of the Registrar and also from the charge of Chief Coordinator of the B.Ed. entrance examination on May 6, 2002. He has been Dean, Research and Dean, Academic Affairs. Dr. Bhatia has been inviting controversies since the time of Vice-Chancellor, J.S. Ahluwalia. As a Dean, Academic Affairs, he was instrumental in granting affiliation to an Information Technology and Management Institution owned by himself or his near relations being part of the three-member affiliation team. Recently there were allegations against him for manipulating the migration of his son to the local campus, besides being charged with favouritism.

– Pbi Varsity Registrar relieved of charge. *Tribune.* May 7, 2002 : 5.

– Former Registrar faces inquiry. *Tribune.* May 8, 2002 : 3.

Punjabi University Patiala is contemplating legal action against its Ex-Registrar, B.S. Bhatia for setting up Information Technology Institutes, throwing all rules and regulations into the wind. These Institutes, Maharaja Ranjit Singh Institute of Information Technology and Guru Gobind Singh Institute of Information Technology, were set up in collaboration with the private companies.

– Ashk, Gur Kirpal Singh. Varsity disowns IT shops. *Times of India.* June 1, 2002 : 5.

Bhatia, V.K. (Air Marshal)

Air Marshal Bhatia's aircraft was hit by Pakistani fire as he was inspecting troop preparedness on the border close to the Line of Control. The incident took place in the Dras-Kargil sector. Commander-in-Chief of Western Air Command, Bhatia was himself flying an AN-32 transport aircraft when Pakistani forces opened fire hitting the aircraft. Aircraft was damaged but was maneuvered to land safely at the Leh Air base. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered into the incident.

– Air Marshal's plane hit by Pak fire. *Times of India.* March 5, 2002 : 1.

Report of the Court of Enquiry against Air Marshal V.K. Bhatia on the incident of the AN-32 transport plane being flown by Air Marshal Bhatia, AOC-in-C Western Air Command coming under fire in the Kargil region has been submitted to the Air Headquarters, by Air Marshal Manjit Singh Sekhon, and is under consideration.

– Air Marshal Bhatia's fate hangs in balance. *Tribune.* March 17, 2002 : 8.

Air Marshal Vinod Bhatia was removed from the operational command of the Western Air Command on April 24, 2002 by the government. The stringent action has been taken after he was found guilty of straying into Pakistani airspace while piloting an AN-32 aircraft. He has been transferred to a less significant post of inspector-general at Air headquarter. He would, however, continue to hold the rank of Commander-in-Chief.

– IAF shunts out Bhatia. *Times of India.* April 25, 2002 : 1.

Bhatnagar, P.S.

P.S. Bhatnagar takes over as the Chairman of Public Grievances Commission. He replaces S.C. Vaish. Prior to his present assignment, Mr. Bhatnagar served as the Administrator of New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Secretary, Food Processing Industries and Chief Secretary of Govt. of Delhi.

– Grievance Panel Chief. *Hindu*. March 2, 2002 : 4.

Bhatnagar, Rajendra Mohan

Noted writer Mr. Rajendra Mohan Bhatnagar from Rajasthan has been selected for the third National Samar Memorial Award 2001. The Award given annually by the Samar Prasad Memorial Trust to young writers carries a cash prize of Rs. 11000/- and a shield.

– In brief : Samar award for Bhatnagar. *Tribune*. January 5, 2002 : 8.

Bhatt, Satvik

Four-year-old child prodigy, Satvik Bhatt has found a place in the Limca Book of Records as the youngest classical music maestro. He can perfectly identify more than 50 Indian classical *ragas* and over 12 "taals''. Satvik, the youngest player of Mohan Veena is the grandson of Vishwa Mohan Bhatt.

– In brief : Child prodigy enters Limca book. *Tribune*. March 22, 2002 : 8.

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– SNA honour for Jagjit Singh. *Hindu*. June 11, 2002 : 5.

– Honour for Singer Jagjit. *Tribune*. June 11, 2002 : 8.

Bhattacharya, Rajinder Kumari

Himachal Pradesh, Additional Chief Secretary-cum-Secretary Home and Vigilance, Ms. Rajinder Kumari Bhattacharya, has been appointed Chief Secretary to the Himachal Pradesh Government with effect from November 1, 2002. She replaces Mr. Harsh Gupta who retires on October 31, 2002.

– New Himachal Chief Secretary. *Hindu*. October 18, 2002 : 5.

Bhattacharya, Ritwik

The current National Champion, Ritwik Bhattacharya, will lead the squash squad for the Busan Asain Games.

– Ritwik to lead Indian squad. *Hindu*. September 18, 2002 : 20.

Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur

A corruption case was registered against Mrs. Rajinder Kaur Bhattal, former Chief Minister of Punjab, for her alleged involvement in bungling in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on the complaint of Balwant Singh Dhillon, President District Amateur Boxing Association, Bathinda in the court of the Special Judge on January 2. The Court has summoned her for personal appearance on January 7, but she did not turn up and the case was adjourned to January 22. When she again failed to appear on this date, non-bailable warrants were issued against her.

– SP (Vigilance) told to execute non-bailable warrants. *Tribune*. January 30, 2002 : 1.

Punjab and Haryana High Court stayed the execution of non-bailable warrant on January 30 and ordered the judge to admit her bail in response to her submission that the case was a culmination of a deep-rooted conspiracy aimed at embarrassing and defaming her.

– Judge told to grant bail to Bhattal. *Tribune*. January 31, 2002 : 1.

Former Punjab Chief Minister Rajinder Kaur Bhattal was granted bail, in a criminal case registered against her under the Prevention of Corruption Act and Indian Penal Code for her alleged involvement in bungling of the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

– Chander Prakash. Bhattal granted bail in criminal case. *Tribune*. February 9, 2002 : 3.

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau on November 29, 2002 filed a criminal case against the State Agriculture Minister, Rajinder Kaur Bhattal in the District and Sessions Court of the Union Territory of Chandigarh. Mrs. Rajinder Kaur Bhattal is charged with the alleged embezzlement of Rs. 20 lakhs which she drew from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund during her three month tenure as Chief Minister of Punjab by 1996 end.

– Challan filed against Bhattal in UT court. *Tribune*. November 30, 2002 : 1.

– Criminal case filed against Bhattal. *Hindu*. December 1, 2002 : 7.

– Plea to Sonia in Bhattal case. *Tribune*. December 3, 2002 : 1, 16.

Bhatti, Jaspal

Jaspal Bhatti is Indian TV's one and only original and contemporary satirist. He burst upon the Indian TV scene with his immortal 5-minute series, '*Ulta Pulta*'. Not only did he do wonderful take-offs of the motor cycle mechanics, who takes a new machine to bits, but also proved that it can be done without malice and, more importantly, within five minutes.

– Malik, Amita. Whatever happened to Jaspal Bhatti? *Tribune*. June 28, 2002 : 17.

Bhavani, Adoor

Adoor Bhavani has been selected for the Mathrubhoomi-Medimix "Chalachitra Sapariya" Award for Lifetime Achievement for 2001. Adoor Bhavani is renowned actress of yesteryears who essayed memorable roles in "*Chemmeen*", *Mudiyanaya Puthran*" and "*Thulabharam*". She has performed in nearly 300 films.

– Award for actress Adoor Bhavani. *Tribune*. March 27, 2002 : 8.

Bhikha Bhai

Senior Congressman and Rajasthan Minister, Bhikha Bhai (86) passed away at Udaipur on June 5, 2002 following a brief illness. Bhikha Bhai was "minister without portfolio" in the Ashok Gehlot Cabinet. He had a long political stint as a respected leader from the tribal region in South Rajasthan. He was Minister in the Cabinet headed by Mohanlal Sukhadia and Barakatullah Khan during the period from 1962 to 1972. He was also elected as an MP from Banswara twice.

– Rajashtan Minister Bhikha Bhai dead. *Tribune*. June 6, 2002 : 8.

– Veteran Minister passes away. *Hindu*. June 6, 2002 : 5.

Rajasthan Government decided on June 5, 2002 to erect a memorial for the Octogenarian Minister, Bhikha Bhai Bheel at his native place Sagwara in Udaipur district. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting in Jaipur.

– Memorial for Bheel. *Hindu*. June 7, 2002 : 3.

Bhujbal, Chhagan

Deputy Chief Minister of Maharasthra, Chhagan Bhujbal is upset over the concerted efforts by his detractors in the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) to remove him from his present post in the Democratic Front Government.

– Maratha conspiracy in NCP to oust me, says Bhujbal. *Times of India*. June 29, 2002 : 10

Bhullar, M.S.

Director-General of Punjab Police M.S. Bhullar, is one of the 34 police officers chosen for the award of President's Police Medal for meritorious services.

– Punjab, J & K get lion's share of police medals. *Tribune*. August 16, 2002 : 3.

Bhunder, Balvinder Singh

Punjab Vigilance Bureau has registered a case against Mr. Balvinder Singh Bhunder, Gen. Secretary of SAD and a close confidant of Former Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal under the Prevention of Corruption Act. He has been charged with "misappropriation of Member of Parliament's Area Development Fund."

– Prabhjot Singh. Vigilance case against Bhunder. *Tribune*. September 5, 2002 : 3.

– VB books Balwinder Bhunder. *Times of India*. September 5, 2002 : 6.

– Garg, Balwant. Vigilance officer tipped off Bhunder ? *Times of India*. September 5, 2002 : 1, 5.

Bhupathi, Mahesh

Third seeds Mahesh Bhupathi and Max Mirnyi of Belarus won the US Open men's doubles title on September 6, 2002 defeating 11th seeded Czech duo Jiri Novak and Radek Stepanek 6–3, 3–6, 6–4 in the final. It was Bhupathi's seventh doubles success at a major. Bhupathi is also the reigning Wimbledon mixed doubles title holder with Russian Elena Likhovtseva. This is Bhupathi's fourth grand slam men's doubles title, but his first US open crown.

– Bhupathi bags US Open doubles title. *Sunday Times of India*. September 8, 2002 : 17.

Tennis ace Mahesh Bhupathi, married well-known model Shewata Jaishankar in Mumbai on November 24, 2002.

– In brief : Bhupathi ties knot. *Tribune*. November 25, 2002 : 16.

– Digest : Bhupati weds. *Hindu*. November 25, 2002 : 1.

Bijlani, S.K.

Mr. Subhash K. Bijlani was elected the new Chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industries (Northern Region) on October 4, 2002 following the resignation of Mr. Jagdish Khattar who had expressed his inability to carry on with the responsibility on account of major restructuring of Maruti Udyog Ltd. Mr. Bijlani, President of Magnus Engineers Pvt. Ltd. is a mechanical engineer. He has represented Indian industry at various national and international fora.

– S.K. Bijlani new CII (NR) Chairman. *Tribune*. October 5, 2002 : 15.

Bilal, Haji

– Mahurkar, Uday. Godhra's Mr. death. *India Today*. March 26-April 1, 2002 : 67-68.

Bindra, Abhinav

Abhinav Bindra won the gold in the Grafling Air Weapon Shooting Championships 2002 in Gemany.

– Abhinav Bindra wins gold. *Tribune*. January 23, 2002 : 14.

Olympian Shooter, Abhinav Bindra has been selected for the 10th K.K. Birla Foundation Sports Award for the year 2000-2001 for his excellent performance in the National and International shooting circuit.

– Birla award for Bindra, Humpy. *Tribune*. March 19, 2002 : 14.

India's ace shooter Abhinav Bindra, who has made a mark in the International shooting arena, was selected for the prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award of 2001, on August 24, 2002, for his outstanding performance.

– Khel Ratna Award for Abhinav Bindra. *Sunday Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 1, 22.

Birju Maharaj

The doyen of Kathak, Birju Maharaj, asserted that Indian art is far too profound to be overwhelmed by predatory influence of the pop culture. The assimilative strength of Indian art will show its overriding vitality in the face of a threatening cultural chaos inspired by the incongruous western influence. He says that fusion has left no Indian artform untouched and adds that the basic character of artform, however, should remain untouched.

– Pop culture threatening Indian culture: Birju Maharaj. *Tribune*. May 3, 2002 : 15.

Birla, K.K.

India's leading industrialist Shri K.K. Birla shall be honoured by the Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt, on August 13, 2002 for his "outstanding contributions" to the field of education at a function in Kancheepuram.

– Biz Briefs : K.K. Birla. *Tribune*. August 11, 2002 : 21.

Birla, Kumar Mangalam

Kumar Mangalam Birla, an alumnus of the London Business School's graduating class of 1992 was conferred the title of "Honorary Fellow" on July 3, 2002, by the Governing Board of the London Business School. This Fellowship is awarded to an alumnus with an outstanding record of achievement in his chosen field.

– K.M. Birla conferred Honorary Fellow. *Hindu*. July 4, 2002 : 18.

Mr. Kumaramangalam Birla ranks the eighth youngest billionaire in the world in the *Fortune* magazine ratings with $ 2·1 billion to his name. The *Fortune* has complied a list of 40 richest people under 40 years of age and Birla is the only Indian among the top 10 billionatries.

– Kumar Birla 8th youngest billionaries. *Tribune*. September 5, 2002 : 11.

Bisht, Madhumita

Madhumita Bisht, the first Indian woman badminton player to participate in Olympics and eight-time former national champion announced her retirement in New Delhi on March 27, 2002.

– In brief : Madhumita Retires. *Tribune*. March 28, 2002 : 14.

Biswas, S.N.

Senior IAS officer S.N. Biswas has assumed charge as the new Chief Secretary of Bihar replacing Mr. Mukund Prasad who retired on January 31, 2002. This is Mr. Biswas's third stint as the State Chief Secretary. He would continue to hold additional charge as Vigilance Commissioner.

– In brief : S.N. Biswas is Bihar CS. *Tribune*. February 2, 2002 : 8.

Bloeria, Sudhir S. (Dr.)

Dr. Sudhir S. Bloeria, a 1968 batch IAS officer, will be the new Chief Secretary of Jammu and Kashmir. The decision to appoint Dr. Bloeria was taken at the meeting of State Cabinet on November 27, 2002. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Bloeria was Director, Enforcement, in the Union Ministry of Finance. He is the first person from Jammu region to reach the highest position in the state administration.

– New J & K Chief Secretary appointed. *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 11.

Bopanna, Rohan

Rohan Bopanna claimed his first major singles title when he beat Dmitri Mazur of Uzbekistan 7-6 (7-5), 5-7, 6-4 in two hours and 21 mts. in the final of the $10,000 prize money India F2 Mens Futures Tennis Tournament at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association deco-turf court on March 23, 2002 in New Delhi.

– Bopanna bags double crown. *Tribune*. March 24, 2002 : 22.

– Bopanna overcomes Gupta. *Tribune*. March 26, 2002 : 16.

Boparai, Swarn Singh

Former IAS officer Mr. Swaran Singh Boparai was appointed the Vice-Chancellor of the Punjabi University, Patiala on August 23, 2002. Boparai, retired from the IAS on June 30, 2002. Son of a Khalistani ideologue Sohan Singh, Mr.Boparai is one of the few officers who have been decorated both with Padma Shri and Kirti Chakra.

– S.S. Boparai appointed Punjabi varsity V-C. *Times of India*. August 24, 2002 : 1.

– S.S. Boparai is Punjabi varsity V-C. *Tribune*. August 24, 2002 : 1, 14.

The Guru Nanak Dev University Teachers Association (GNDUTA) flayed the appointment of Mr. Boparai, a bureaucrat, as V-C of the Punjabi University, Patiala.

– Boparai's appointment criticised. *Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 5.

Brar, Jagmeet Singh

Mr. Jagmeet Brar, Senior Congress leader and MP from Faridkot was unanimously elected as the chairman of the Farmer's Forum of Parliament on August 1, 2002. The Farmer's Forum of Parliament, one of the oldest forums, came into existance in 1961. Members from all the political parties represent this forum.

– Jagmeet Brar elected Farmer's Forum Chief. *Tribune*. August 2, 2002 : 8.

Bukhari, Ahmed (Syed)

Shahi Imam of Delhi's Jama Masjid Syed Bhukari is shortly going to launch a political party to represent the Muslim community. He says that time has come for the Muslims to strengthen themselves rather than supporting the so-called secular parties. If Hindus, Dalits, Sikhs can have their political parties why can't Muslims. He has travelled several states including Bihar, West Bengal and U.P. to generate public opinion in favour of a Muslim political party. Syed

Bhukari views his proposed Muslim Party as a national party, which shall work in co-ordination with the existing regional parties and groups. Bhukari says he does not plan to hold any post in the party and his role will be confined to that of an advisor.

- Ali, Shaik Ahmed. Shahi Imam to launch party. *Times of India*. June 4, 2002 : 7.

Bundela, Raja

Noted film director and actor Raja Bundela was attacked on November 17, 2002 allegedly by the activists of Bajrang Dal, at the premiere of his film "Pratha" in Bhopal. Bundela suffered fractures in his ribs and was hospitalised. Agitators alleged that the film depicted the Hindu culture and the religion's gods and goddesses in an offensive manner.

- Digest : Film director assaulted. *Hindu*. November 18, 2002 : 1.
- Film actor Bundela attacked. *Tribune*. November 18, 2002 : 8.
- Actor's assault stage-managed say police. *Hindu*. November 19, 2002 : 9.

Bhopal police has charged that Raja Bundela stage-managed his assault on November 17, 2002 at the premiere of his film 'Pratha' in Bhopal. Following this the controversial film-maker surrenderd before the Bhopal police on November 26, 2002. He was later released on bail.

- Bundela surrenders, freed on bail. *Hindu*. November 27, 2002 : 5.

Buta Singh

Former Prime Minister P.V. Narsimha Rao and former Union Home Minister Buta Singh were acquitted by the Delhi High Court in the JMM MPs bribery case on March 15, 2002 as the court found no evidence to show that they had discussed paying money to the MPs in a closed door meeting in 1993.

Justice R.S. Sodhi stated in his judgement: "In the case, the material particulars in the 'closed-door meeting' for which the only additional evidence is the money lying in the bank, which has not been connected with the appellants". Rejecting the reliability of former JMM MP Shailendra Mahato's confessional statement after becoming an approver, the judgement said: "It was incumbent upon the prosecution to corroborate this incidence (closed-door meeting) which is woefully absent.

- Rao, Buta acquitted in JMM case. *Tribune*. March 16, 2002 : 1.

Butalia, Urvashi

The French Government has conferred the National Order of Merit on author, publisher and journalist, Urvashi Butalia, in recognition of her contribution to the promotion of French culture in India. The Ambassador of France, Bernard de Montferrand, bestowed the award on Ms. Butalia at a function on June 25 in New Delhi.

Sources in the French Embassy said the distinction has been conferred upon Ms. Butalia for promoting French culture and image in India and bringing the French and Indian communities closer through her writings and critical essays.

- French Govt honours Urvashi Butalia. *Tribune*. June 27, 2002 : 7.

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Chadha, G.K. (Prof.)

Eminent economist, Prof. G.K. Chadha has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. President K.R. Narayanan made the appointment in his capacity as the Visitor of the University. Prof. Chadha has served the University for more than two decades in the University's Centre for Study of Regional Development.

– JNU elated over new VC. *Hindu.* April 26, 2002 : 4.

Chakraborty, Manindra

Manindra Chakraborty has made documentary on Howrah. He has captured the 500-year-old city's heritage, including its social, historical, cultural and industrial significance. Chakraborty says that his documentary featured the sites that Swami Vivekananda, Mangalkabya's poet Garibulla Shah and Bharat Chandra Rai Gunakar, Bangla poet of the Middle Ages used to frequent.

– Howrah's heritage on celluloid. *Tribune.* June 18, 2002 : 7.

Chandra, Jag Parvesh

Grand old man of Delhi Congress and Chief Executive Councillor for seven years, Jag Pravesh Chandra (88) passed away on February 21, 2002 in Delhi following a massive heart attack. Born on November 12, 1916 at Gujaranwala in Pakistan, Mr. Chandra took active part in the freedom struggle and was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi. Mr. Chandra, a bachelor, held several important positions in the Party. He was the founder of the Coffee House in Delhi's Baba Kharag Singh Marg, which is being named after him.

– Jag Parvesh passes away. *Hindu.* February 22, 2002 : 1, 3.

Veteran Congress leader and the grand old man of Delhi politics, Mr. Jag Pravesh Chandra (86), died in New Delhi on February 21, 2002 following protracted illness.

– Jag Pravesh Chandra dead. *Tribune.* February 22, 2002 : 18.

Chandrasekhar

The Bharat Yatra Kendra Trust, headed by India's former Prime Minister Mr. Chandrasekhar, was directed by the Supreme Court on April 19, to hand over 15 acres of land around his ashram on the outskirts of the Capital to the Haryana Government within two months. The court also imposed a cost of Rs. 25,000 on the Trust for illegally occupying village land.

– SC tells Chandrasekhar to return Bhondsi land. *Times of India.* April 20, 2002 : 1.

Chandrasekhar, B.S.

Former Indian leg spinner Mr. B.S. Chandrasekhar has been nominated for the Castrol Lifetime Achievement Award in cricket. Chandrasekhar bagged 242 Test Wickets from 58 matches in a Test career that stretched from 1963 to 1979. The Castrol Lifetime Achievement Award comprises a trophy and a cheque for Rs. 5 lakh.

– In Brief : B.S. Chandrasekhar. *Tribune*. October 16, 2002 : 18.

Chandraswami (Jain, Nemichand)

A Delhi court issued summons against controversial godman Nemichand Jain, alias Chandraswami, on a complaint filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for his alleged involvement in a violation of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) to the tune of more than Rs.2 crore. The complaint was filed by the Chief Enforcement Officer, S.C. Adlakha, through ED counsel, Naveen K. Matta, before Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) V.K. Maheshwari.

– Court summons Chandraswami. *Tribune*. May 25, 2002 : 8.

Chanu, Sanamachu

Sanamachu Chanu swept all the three gold medals as she lifted 82·5 kg in snatch and 100 kg in clean and jerk for a total of 182·5 kg in the women's upto 53 kg weight category.

– Sanamachu emulates Kunjarani Devi. *Tribune*. August 2, 2002 : 16.

Charanjit Kumar

A goal by mid-fielder Charanjit Kumar saved hosts JCT Phagwara the blushes as they managed to hold BSF Jalandhar to a 1 – 1 draw in the concluding fixture of the 16th Punjab State Super League at the JCT Stadium at Phagwara on September 1.

– Charanjit scripts JCT title victory. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 16.

Chattarpati, Ram Chander

Ram Chander Chattarpati (52), editor-owner of 'Poora Sach' died at Apollo Hospital, New Delhi on November 21, 2002. 'Poora Sach' is an eveninger published from Sirsa. Mr. Chattarpati was attacked allegedly by persons close to a religious cult Dera Sachha Sauda near Sirsa on October 24, 2002.

– Journalist Chattarpati dead. *Tribune*. November 22, 2002 : 1.

– CBI probe into scribe's murder sought. *Hindu*. November 23, 2002 : 11.

– Sirsa observes near-total bandh : Probe into scribe's death sought. *Tribune*. November 23, 2002 : 1, 20.

– Scribes mourn Chattarpati's death. *Tribune*. November 23, 2002 : 3.

– Suspects in Chattarpati case held : DGP. *Tribune*. December 3, 2002 : 3.

– Rajalakshmi, T.K. Godman under a cloud. *Frontline*. 19(26) December 21, 2002- January 3, 2003 : 46–42.

Chaturvedi, Naresh

Naresh Chaturvedi took over as Managing Director of Food Corporation of India (FCI) on June 7, 2002. He replaced Mr. R.N. Das who was holding this post as additional charge.

– FCI new MD. *Tribune*. June 8, 2002 : 17.

Chaturvedi, Trilok Nath

Trilok Nath Chaturvedi was sworn in as Governor of Karnataka by the Chief Justice of the High Court, N.K. Jain at Raj Bhavan in Bangalore on August 21. The ceremony was attended by CM, S.M. Krishna and his cabinet colleagues, among others. After the swearing in Chaturvedi said : I have worked in the Govt. as Home Secretary and Secretary for Law and Justice and I know the rightful role of the Governor. There should not be any misgiving or doubt about my role.

Born to Pandit Kamla Nath Chaturvadi and Vidyavati Chaturvedi on January 18, 1928, Mr. Chaturvedi entered the Civil Services in 1950. During his career, he held many posts including that of the Secretary to Chief Minister, Rajasthan; Collector and District Magistrate, Ajmer; Joint Director, National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie (1967-71); Chief Secretary, Delhi (1971-73); Chief Commissioner Chandigarh (1976-78); and Comptroller and Auditor General of India (1984-90).

Mr. Chaturvedi was elected to the Rajya Sabha in July 1992 and was a member of various committees, the prominent one being the Joint Parliamentary Committee which inquired into irregularities in securities and banking transactions.

He was re-elected to the Rajya Sabha in July 1998 and was Chairman of the Joint Committee on Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999.

He has published books on several topics, including transfer of technology among developing countries and comparative public administration.

– T.N. Chaturvedi sworn in as Governor. *Hindu*. August 22, 2002 : 6.

Chaube

The present Director-General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Mr. Chaube has been appointed Director–General of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) wef Jan. 1, 2003. He succeeds Mr. Trinath Mishra who retires on December 31, 2002.

– Chaube appointed CRPF Chief. *Tribune*. December 27, 2002 : 8.

Chaudhary, Pradeep

Pradeep Chaudhary, a former Chairman of CONFED was administered the oath of office and secrecy as a member of the Haryana Public Service Commission in Chandigarh on May 4. Chaudhary has already resigned as the General Secretary of the ruling INLD and his party post. The resignations have been accepted.

Chaudhary contested the Assembly elections on the INLD ticket from Kalka constituency twice against Chander Mohan, MLA, son of former CM Bhajan Lal.

– Chaudhary to be sworn in today. *Tribune.* May 4, 2002 : 6.

Chauhan, Mool Chand

Former Union Minister and President of the Judo Federation of India, Jagdish Tytler, has been named Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent for the Asian Games to be held in Busan (South Korea) in September 2002. Announcement to this effect was made by the president of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Suresh Kalmadi in New Delhi on June 18, 2002. Secretary-General of the Table Tennis Federation of India, Mool Chand Chauhan has been named as the Chef-de-Mission for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Manchester (England) in July 2002.

– Tytler, Chef-de-Mission. *Tribune.* June 19, 2002 : 19.

Chautala, Om Prakash

Harayna Chief Minister, Om Prakash Chautala addressed the delegates at the 27th Annual General Meeting of the U.S.-India Business Council at Washington, D.C. on June 17, 2002. He urged the Indo-American community to make Haryana, their preferred investment destination.

– Chautala goes all out to woo NRI investors. *Hindu.* June 19, 2002 : 11.

Om Prakash Chautala addressed a seminar organized by the Indo-Canadian business community in Toronto on June 19, 2002. He appealed to Indians in Canada to work for strengthening trade and economic ties between the two countries.

– Indo-Canadians can help better ties: Chautala. *Times of India.* June 20, 2002 : 8.

– Chautala in Beijing, visits model farm, Great Wall. *Times of India.* June 29, 2002 : 9.

A former MLA and younger brother of Haryana CM, Pratap Singh alleged on September 1 at Chandigarh that Om Prakash Chautala was sheltering Mr. Ravi Kant Sharma, IPS, the prime suspect in the Shivani Bhatnagar murder case because CM Chautala wants to spite the Delhi police. Since Delhi police has exposed the links of Chautala's sons, Ajay and Abhay, with anti-social elements, the Haryana Chief Minister is annoyed with it.

– Chautala shielding Ravi Kant. *Tribune.* September 2, 2002 : 1, 13.

Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Om Prakash Chautala, announced "Devi rupak" on September 25, 2002, a scheme aimed at checking the declining male-female ratio as well as the population growth. Under the scheme, Rs. 500 per month will be paid for 20 years to a couple opting for sterilisation after the birth of the second child. provided both the children are daughters.

– Rs. 500 per month for single girl child. *Tribune.* September 26, 2002 : 12.

Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Om Prakash Chautala was conferred with the honorary citizenship of Dallas (Texas). The honour was conferred, by the Mayor of Dallas, Laura Miller, at a ceremony organised by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce in Dallas, U.S.

– Honorary Citizenship. *Hindu*. November 20, 2002 : 5.

Chawla, Kalpana

Kalpana Chawla who made history in 1997 as the first Indian American to go on a space mission, is gearing up for her next flight as a part of Flight STS (Space Transportation System) 107 that takes off on July 11, 2002. She would be conducting experiments along with other crew members.

A student of Tagore School in Karnal (Haryana), Ms. Chawla came to USA after graduating from the Punjab Engineering College in Aeronautical Engineering. She has a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado (1988). After becoming a USA citizen, she was admitted into NASA's astronaut programme in 1994.

– Kalpana Chawla set for new mission. *Tribune*. April 10, 2002 : 9.

Cheema, Palwinder

Palwinder Cheema won gold medal in wrestling in upto 120 kg category by defeating Eric Kirschner of Canada on August 3, 2002 in the Commonwealth games in Manchester (U.K.)

– India outduels Canada to take three gold. *Hindu*. August 5, 2002 : 20.

Chetia, Anup

A Dhaka (Bangladesh) court on September 24, 2002 sentenced Mr. Anup Chetia, general secretary of the United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA) and two of his accomplices to seven years rigorous imprisonment. Chetia, who was arrested along with his associates in December 1997 from Dhaka was earlier convicted for a total of 11 years rigorous imprisonment on various charge.

– Habib Haroon. ULFA leader sentenced. *Hindu*. September 27, 2002 : 1.

Chhabria, Manohar Rajaram

Dubai based NRI tycoon and Chairman of Jumbo Group, Manu Chhabria (56) passed away on April 6, 2002 in Mumbai, following a cardiac arrest. A Harvard Unviersity business graduate, Chhabria was the founder and head of the Jumbo Group, a $1.5 bn. transnational conglomerate with presence in 50 countries and employing over 20,000 people. He headed many prominent Indian companies such as Shaw Wallace, Dunlop, Hindustan Dorr-Oliver, Mather and Platt, Falcon Tyres and Gordon Woodroffe.

– Tycoon Manu Chhabria is dead. *Times of India*. April 7, 2002 : 1.

– M.R. Chhabria dies at 56. *Tribune*. April 7, 2002 : 19.

Chhabria, Vidya

Chairwoman of the Jumbo group, Ms. Vidya Chabria occupies the 44th place among the prestigious *Fortune* magazine's 50 most influential women in international business. Naina Lal Kidwai, Executive Vice-Chairman and CEO of HSBC Securities and Capital Markets in India was listed as the 50th most influential woman.

- 17 Asians among 50 most powerful women. *Tribune*. October 3, 2002 : 11.
- Kabra, Harsh. Fame and Fortune. *Men and women : Sunday Times of India*. November 17, 2002 : 2, 3.

Chhajlani, Abhay

Mr. Abhay Chhajlani of Hindi daily *Nai Dunia*, (Indore) was elected president of the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) for the year 2002-2003 at the Society's 63rd Annual General Meeting held in Bangalore on September 27, 2002.

- Abhay Chhajlani elected INS chief. *Hindu*. September 28, 2002 : 9.
- Abhay Chhajlani is INS chief. *Tribune*. October 5, 2002 : 15.

Chinna, Surinderpal Singh

Investigation by Punjab's Vigilance Department has revealed Surinderpal Singh Chinna's links with some terrorist leaders belonging to Khalistan Commando Force, notably Pramjit Singh Panjwar.

- Chinna's links with KCF traced. *Times of India*. April 27, 2002 : 1.

The Managing Director of Amritsar Central Cooperative Bank is under arrest. Chinna had allegedly received kickbacks to the tune of Rs.14 lakh for fixing recruitments in the bank. Vigilance department has recovered his personal diary, which includes the details of the bribes received by him. It is also revealed that Chhina owns about 35 acres of land in Pilibhit.

- Chhina case reopened; 2 SPs under cloud. *Tribune*. May 3, 2002 : 6.
- Chhina owns 35 acres of land in Pilibhit. *Times of India*. May 4, 2002 : 4.
- Chhina faces fresh case. *Tribune*. May 4, 2002 : 5.

Chohan, Jagjit Singh (Dr.)

Along with other deputy speakers of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Dr. Jagjit Singh Chohan was to be honoured in the House by Dr. Kewal Krishan, Speaker, as a part of the Vidhan Sabha's golden jubilee celebrations. He was not honoured though he came prepared for it, as also seven other past Deputy Speakers were not honoured. This was done at the instructions of Congress High Command in Delhi.

- Honouring of Chohan stopped. *Tribune*. May 4, 2002 : 6.

Chopra, Vinod

Noted film choreographer, Mr. Vinod Chopra (74) passed away in Bhopal on October 20, 2002 following a heart attack. He was a bachelor. Mr. Chopra had done choreography for several films including, 'Muneem ji', 'Fifty-Fifty,' 'Jhansi ki Rani' and 'Prem Pujari'.

– In Brief : Film choreographer Vinod Chopra dead. Tribune. October 27, 2002 : 9.

Chopra, Yash

Producer-director, Mr. Yash Chopra has been selected for the 2001 Dada Saheb Phalke Award, the country's highest honour in cinema. Award carries a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh, a shawl and a Swarna Kamal.

– Digest : Phalke award for Yash Chopra. *Hindu*. December 14, 2002 : 1.

– Yash Chopra to get Phalke award. *Tribune*. December 14, 2002 : 1.

Commenting on Yash Chopra in his column 'Profile' Harihar Swarup writes : Yash Chopra is known as India's most successful director of commercial films... . His unique position is attributed to his 40-year-long stint as director. Careers of most directors of popular Hindi movies rarely last more than a decade. Yash Chopra is the only director of the older brigade of film-makers who has successfully moved with the time right from his first film "Dhool KA Phool" (1959)–to his latest "Dil To Pagal Hai". (1997).

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile : Apt choice for Phalke award. *Sunday Tribune*. December 29, 2002 : 11.

Choudhary, Sudhindra Bhushan

Mr. Sudhindra Bhushan Choudhary (90), founder editor of the *Shillong Times*, passed away in Kolkata on December 31, 2002. He began his career as a journalist in 1934 with the *Shillong Mail* and subsequently launched his own weekly, The *Shillong Times* in 1945.

– In brief : Founder editor of *Shillong Times* dead. *Tribune*. January 1, 2003 : 9.

Chowdhary, Dinesh

Shri Dinesh Chowdhary, an RJD MLA from the Fatuha Assembly seat was arrested in Patna on July 26, 2002, on the charges of filing his nomination for the Assembly seat on a fake caste certificate.

– RJD MLA held for faking caste. *Tribune*. July 29, 2002 : 8.

Chowdhury, Bula

India's ace swimmer Bula Chowdhury became the first Asian woman to cross the Catalina Channel in the USA. 35-year old swimmer, Bula achieved this feat on August 28, 2002.

– In Brief : Bula's feat. *Tribune*. August 30, 2002 : 16.

Chugh, K.S. (Dr.)

Dr. K.S. Chugh, Emeritus Professor of Nephrology in the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGI) has been honoured with the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP), London. An official communication from the Royal College of Physicians, London informed him of the decision of the College authorities for honouring Dr. Chugh with the fellowship for his contributions in medicine. He has been invited by the College to receive the degree at the convocation to be held in London on July 3. Dr. Chugh is the lone Indian who was earlier conferred with the honorary Fellowship of American College of Physicians (FACP). He has many other national and international awards to his credit, which include the Dr. B.C. Roy National Award as an eminent Medical Man of the country in 1992 and a distinguished international award by the National Kidney Foundation of USA besides 27 others.

Dr. Chugh is described as the "father of nephrology" in India, having organized the first training programme in 1969 and having trained most of the renal academicians and practitioners. He is the founder of the Indian Society of Nephrology and has played a key role in several international congresses in the field of nephrology held in India and abroad, including USA, Australia and UK. At present he is a member of the Council of the International Society of Nephrology.

In addition to authoring several chapters in various books, Dr. Chugh has written 396 research papers most of which have been published in international journals.

– Dr. K.S. Chugh gets FRCP. *Tribune*. May 7, 2002 : 6.

Chundawat, Laxi Kumari

Noted Rajasthani litterateur and former Rajya Sabha member, Laxi Kumari Chundawat has been awarded an honorary doctorate degree by Kota Open University. The honour was conferred on her by Governor, Mr. Anshuman Singh at the University convocation in Kota on March 8, 2002. Ms. Chundawat is a recipient of the Padma Shree and the Soviet Land Nehru Award.

– In brief : Litterateur awarded. *Tribune*. March 10, 2002 : 9.

Chuni Lal (Choudhary)

Choudhary Chuni Lal (64), BJP MLA from the Suchetgarh constituency in Jammu district died on February 22, 2002 in Jammu following a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

– Spotlight : BJP MLA dead. *Tribune*. February 23, 2002 : 1.

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Dalal, Ajit

Ajit Dalal, principal correspondent of Hindi daily *Bhaskar* was found dead near the railway track at Khaspur, near Kurukshetra on August 4, 2002 morning. He was 43 and is survived by wife, a daughter and a son.

It is believed that he might have fallen from the running train as he has been travelling daily from Kurukshetra to Panipat and back. A journalist of about 20 years standing Dalal had worked with the *Pratap*, *National Herald*, *Hindustan Times*, *Jan Satta*, *Chauthi Duniya* before joining as Bureau Chief and then *Sameekashak* of the *Bhaskar* for Panipat Zone.

– Journalist found dead. *Hindu*. August 5, 2002 : 3.

Dalal, Bajrang Singh

A practicing Supreme Court lawyer Bajarang Singh Dalal was remanded to judicial custody by a Delhi court on the charge of forging a Delhi High Court order, after his interim bail was cancelled on June 3, 2002. Dalal, allegedly forged a Delhi High Court order passed by a division bench on February 20, 1989. The accused lawyer is allegedly facing several criminal cases for his alleged attempts to lure clients and mislead cases pending in different courts.

– SC lawyer sent to jail. *Tribune*. June 4, 2002 : 7.

Dalal, M.K.

Mr. M.K. Dalal has been promoted to become the Chairman and Managing Director of Engineers India Limited. He has been associated with the company for the last 30 years. For the last five years he was the Director (Projects).

– Briefly : Dalal new CMD of EIL. *Times of India*. September 27, 2002 : 8.

M.K. Dalal has taken over as the Managing Director of Engineer's India Ltd. He recently received the award of 'Eminent Engineer'.

– Biz Briefs : *Tribune*. October 2, 2002 : 11.

Dalbir Singh

Chairman and Managing Director of Central Bank of India Mr. Dalbir Singh was re-elected Chairman of the Indian Bank's Association (IBA), according to a IBA press release on September 23, 2002.

– Executive Digest : Dalbir Singh re-elected as IBA Chairman. *Times of India*. September 24, 2002 : 14.

– Dalbir Singh re-elected IBA Chief. *Hindu*. September 24, 2002 : 18.

Dalmiya, Jagmohan

President of BCCI, Jagmohan Dalmiya had his way when the three-man Commission announced by the ICC in January 2002 was scrapped and a new dispute resolution committee was set up to review the procedure adopted by Match Referee Mike Dennesse. Dalmiya had rejected the three-man Commission earlier. This committee will be chaired by Michael Beloff, a leading English lawyer, and will include ICC executive board members Peter Chingoka of Zimbabwe, Bob Meriman of Australia and Wes Hall of the West Indies.

– Dalmiya has his way. *Tribune*. March 17, 2002 : 22.

Mr. Jagmohan Dalmiya was elected president of the Cricket Association of Bengal in the elections held in Kolkata on July 29 after 15 years. He routed his rival Mr. Devdas Banerjee, by 515 votes to five.

– Dalmiya elected CBA president. *Tribune*. July 31, 2002 : 17.

Jagmohan Dalmiya, BCCI Chief on September 1, 2002 at Kolkata advised the Indian players in England to abide by the ICC's commercial terms and conditions for the period covering the Champions Trophy and 30 days thereafter.

– Dalmiya advice to players. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 16.

Jagmohan Dalmiya was re-elected as president of the Indian Cricket Board unopposed. With his detractors failing to put up a candidate for the President's post, 60-year old Dalmiya's election was a foregone conclusion. After the win, Dalminya said : "I shall work to the best of my ability to serve the interest of the Board and that of Indian Cricket."

– Dalmiya stays on top. *Times of India*. September 20, 2002 : 13.

Dandavate, Pramila

Noted Socialist leader and wife of former Union Finance Minister, Madhu Dandavate died in New Delhi on January 1, 2002. Her mortal remains were consigned to flames on January 4, 2002 by her husband.

– In breif : Pramila Dandavate cremated. *Tribune*. January 5, 2002 : 8.

Darbari Lal (Prof.)

Prof. Darbari Lal, a Congress MLA from Amritsar, was unanimously elected Deputy Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha on June 26 in Chandigarh.

Born in Gujarat, now in Pakistan, in 1942, Mr. Darbari Lal's parents migrated to Amritsar in 1947. He taught at DAV College, Amritsar for about 20 years before being elected to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in 1980. He was again elected in 1985 and 2002.

– Darbari Lal elected deputy speaker. *Tribune*. June 26, 2002 : 5.

Das, P.M.

P.M. Das, Inspector-General, Railways has taken over as Inspector-General of Police, India Reserve Battallion at Patiala on March 24, 2002. Das is a recipient of President's Police Medal for Gallantry.

– Das is IG, IRB. *Tribune.* March 24, 2002 : 6.

Davar, Kamal (Lt. Gen.)

Lieut-Gen. Kamal Davar, took over as DG of Defence Intelligence Agency (DIA) and DCIDS (Intelligence) on March 5, 2002. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College and College of Defence Management, Lieut-Gen. Davar was commissioned in June 1963, into 7 Light Cavalry. He was Chief of Staff of a Corps actively involved in the low intensity warfare in Jammu and Kashmir.

– Gen. Davar takes over as DG of DIA. *Tribune.* March 6, 2002 : 18.

Deol, Sunny

Actor Sunny Deol was adjudged the best actor for his performance in the 2001 blockbuster "Gadar–Ek Prem Katha" at the Eighth Annual Screen Awards function in Mumbai.

– 'Lagaan' 'DCH' sweep Screen awards. *Tribune.* January 20, 2002 : 8.

Desai, Ketan

CBI has registered an FIR against former Medical Council of India President Ketan Desai in compliance with the Delhi High Court's order in November 2001 directing it (CBI) to initiate prosecution against him. On March 22, 2002, Delhi High Court had asked the CBI to furnish information by April 22, 2002 about the steps taken by the agency in compliance with the Court's November order.

– FIR against MCI ex-Chief. *Tribune.* April 24, 2002 : 8.

Deshmukh, Vilasrao

The Maharashtra Chief Minister Vilasrao Deshmukh is no longer on his own. His every move has to be first cleared by a new coordination committee of AICC, headed by Shankarrao Chavan, and among others Shivraj Patil and Govindrao Adik as its members. The purpose is to keep a watch on Deshmukh.

– Deshmukh's wings clipped? *Hindu.* June 24, 2002 : 13.

De Silva, Melvin (Father)

Hostel warden at St. Martin Secondary School in Nasirabad near Ajmer, Father Melvin D'Silva was arrested and remanded to judicial custody for sodomising students. He is accused of sexually abusing students.

– In Brief : Sodomy accused in judicial custody. *Tribune.* September 12, 2002 : 8.

Father Melvin De Silva, a warden of the boy's hostel at St. Martin's School in Nasirabad in Ajmer district of Rajasthan, allegedly forced the boarders into acts of sexual gratifications. He was arrested after angry parents and local villagers gathered at the School. The police found many empty liquor bottles in his room and have also charged him for possession of pornographic films.

– Unholy Orders. *India Today*. September 23, 2002 : 23.

D' Souza, Cedric

Coach of Indian Hockey team, Cedric D'Souza was on March 2, 2002, sacked following India's disastrous showing in the tenth World Cup at Kuala Lumpur. D'Souza's removal is viewed as an unprecedented move, the first of its kind in the annals of international hockey.

– D'Souza Sacked ; Kumar takes charge. *Tribune*. March 3, 2002 : 22.

– Kumar not ready to blame Cedric. *Tribune*. March 12, 2002 : 16.

– Editorial : Who killed Indian hockey. *Tribune*. March 12, 2002 : 10.

D'Souza, Lawrence

The abortive attempt on the life of cinematographer-cum-director Lawrence D'Souza, known for directing the superhit film 'Saajan', was made on July 4, 2002. Extortion is believed to be the motive of the attack. Assailants who came on motorcycle fired a few rounds at D'Souza as he was waiting outside his office in MHADA colony, Oshiwara. D'Souza managed to dodge the bullets and ran into the building. The incident has shaken the film industry. Police suspects the involvement of Ejaz Lakdawala, an associate of gangster Chhota Rajan.

– Shock over bid on D'Souza's life. *Times of India*. July 6, 2002 : 9.

Devadas, Rajammal P. (Dr.)

The Chancellor of Avinashilingam Deemed University, Dr. Rajammal P. Devadas died on March 17, 2002 at Coimbatore.

– *Hindu*. March 21, 2002 : 7.

Devaiah, Suddala

Suddala Devaiah, Minister for Labour in Chandra Babu Naidu Ministry in Andhra Pradesh resigned on June 17, 2002 following allegations of his involvement in the murder of 28-year-old man in Medak district. Two persons arrested in connection with murder in Medak district on June 15, 2002 reportedly confessed to the police that they killed the man, Srinivas, at the behest of the Minister. The Minister, however, claims innocence and views this whole episode as a political conspiracy to defame him and his party.

– Murder at Minister's behest alleged. *Hindu*. June 16, 2002 : 6.

– AP Minister quits, denies allegation. *Times of India*. June 19, 2002 : 13.

Devarajan, S.

S. Devarajan on June 14, 2002 took over as the new President of Manufacturer's Association of Information Technology (MAIT). He succeeds Vinay Deshpande. Mr. Devarajan is the Vice-President and head of global networking major Cisco's Development Center in Bangalore and is the first MNC official to head the hardware association.

– Devarajan takes over as MAIT President. *Hindu.* June 15, 2002 : 16.

Devender Singh alias Bunty

In a series of raids at various places in NOIDA, Haryana and Punjab the special staff of Delhi Police have recovered five cars and jewellery worth Rs.50 lakhs stolen by Devender Singh. Special staff have seized property worth over 5 crore stolen and accumulated by Devender Singh and his gang.

– Rich haul from Burglar No. 1. *Hindu*. May 9, 2002 : 1.

Dewan, Ashok

India's eminent sportspersons—hockey goalkeeper Shri Ashok Dewan, pugilist Birojder Shahu and cager Aparna Ghosh—were selected for the Dhyan Chand Award for lifetime achievement in sports and games, 2002. The government made an announcement to this effect on August 24, 2002.

– Ashok Dewan, Ghosh get Dhyan Chand Award. *Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 22.

Dhaliwal, Daljit

Considered one of the most successful Asian women in Britain, Ms. Daljit Dhaliwal will be crossing the Atlantic to anchor the CNN's prestigious World News from its base in Atlanta. Daljit's father, who hails from Punjab, migrated to the United Kingdom in 1953 and worked in a factory till his retirement. Having grown up in "little India" in Southall, she has shown a steely determination in charting her professional career and has emerged a phenomenon with her English accent and clarity. A no-nonsense person and intense individual who draws a clear line between her professional and private life, it has taken her a while in signing the mega contract with CNN.

One of her parents' four children, Daljit has an arresting presence on the television and is a former anchor of the ITN's celebrated World News for Public Television from London. Till late last year she was seen on 100 PBS stations in the USA as well as over the Internet where she made an indelible mark. There is an unofficial Daljit website with her fans eulogising her though she has refused to visit it. She was named one of People magazine's "50 Most Beautiful People in the World" in 1999. In August 1999, Esquire named her one of the Magazine's "Women We Love". Wary of disclosing her age, Daljit, 29, did her MA in politics, history and economics from the University of London. She started as a reporter in the BBC in 1990 covering Northern

Ireland and five years later went on to work for the ITN. She is married to American journalist Lee Patrick Sullivan and surely wants to have a family.

– CNN's anchor woman from Punjab. *Tribune.* June 27, 2002 : 8.

Dhananjay Singh

The Lok Janashakti Party (LJP) supported independent MLA, Dhananjay Singh, was arrested under the Gangster Act from Lucknow on June 10, 2002. He was booked following a complaint lodged by two workers from Bihar at Baksa Police Station in Jaunpur district of UP. He has been remanded to 45 days judicial custody. Dhananjay Singh represents Rari Assembly constituency.

– U.P. MLA arrested under Gangster Act. *Hindu.* June 11, 2002 : 12.

Dhanwant Singh, Baba

Baba Dhanwant Singh, Chairman of the Noor Vishav Roohani Charitable Sansthan, was arrested on August 29, 2002 from his residence in Gurdaspur, on a charge of raping a minor girl at his *dera* about a year ago.

– Walia Varinder. Baba Dhanwant held on rape charge. *Tribune.* August 30, 2002 : 1.

Chief of Noor Vishav Roohani Charitable Sansthan, Baba Dhanwant Singh, who is in police custody, has admitted to the police that he had illicit relations with at least six women at different times. He also confessed to have paid Rs. 70,000 as bribe to Prithpal Singh, former personal secretary of Akal Takht Jathedar Joginder Singh Vedanti, purportedly to influence the Jathedar to absolve him of the rape charge.

The Sikh Khalsa Panchyat had brought the rape matter to the notice of the Jathedar for action last year but he dismissed the entire case. The members of the Panchayat were summoned to Akal Takht on September 2 for allegedly failing to provide evidence in support of the charge. The confession of Dhanwant, however, has put the Jathedar in a difficult situation.

– Dhanwant admits to rape charge. *Times of India.* September 2, 2002 : 1.

– Jathedar in a soup ? *Times of India.* September 2, 2002 : 1.

– Bharadwaj, Ajay. A sordid tale of Baba Dhanwant's lust. *Times of India.* September 4, 2002 : 5.

Dharampal

Dharampal, Chairman of the National Commission on Cattle resigned on grounds of "continuous ill health". The resignation was delivered to the Agriculture Minister Ajit Singh and a copy was sent to the Prime Minister's Office.

– Cattle panel chief quits. *Tribune.* April 23, 2002 : 7.

Dharam Vir

Mr. Dharam Vir, Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Information Technology, Haryana has been unaximously elected as the President of the Indian Yoga Federation for the second consecutive year. He was chosen president at the general body meeting of the Federation held at Hyderabad.

– Dharam Vir Chief of yoga federation. *Tribune*. February 14, 2002 : 17.

Dharmani, Rajesh

Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee Chief, has nominated Mr. Rajesh Dharmani as the Secretary of the PCC with the approval of AICC.

– Dharmani is HP Congress Secy. *Tribune*. December 26, 2002 : 6.

Dhawan, Satish (Prof.)

Renowned Scientist, Prof. Satish Dhawan (81), who guided the Indian space programme through a period of spectacular growth and achievement, passed away in Bangalore on January 3, 2002. Prof. Dhawan became the Director of Indian Institute of Science in 1962, Chairman of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in 1972. He also held the post of Chairman, Space Commission and Secretary in the Department of Space.

– Prof. Satish Dhawan dies. *Tribune*. January 5, 2002 : 8.

Prof. Satish Dhawan (81), a renowned space scientist and former Chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and Space Commission as also former Secretary of the Department of Space passed away in Bangalore on January 3, 2002. It was under his stewardship that India launched its first satellite, Aryabhatta and Bhaskara I, second experimental launch of SLV-3 which successfully placed the Rohini Satellite in Orbit, RS-DI, Apple Satellite, Bhaskara II, INSAT-IA, RS-D2, INSAT-1B, etc. In recognition of his services to the nation, he was awarded Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Vibhushan and the Indira Gandhi Award for National Integration.

– Persons in News. *Competition Success Review*. February 2002 : 170.

Dheera, Randhir Singh

Prime accused in the multi-crore job-for-cash recruitment scam in Punjab, Randhir Singh Dheera is likely to reveal the names of all persons whom he had missed out while recording his statement under Section 164 of the Cr PC on May 16, 2002. For this he has filed an application in a local court.

– Dheera ready to disclose all. *Tribune*. May 30, 2002 : 3.

– Dheera issued production warrants. *Times of India*. May 31, 2002 : 4.

Randhir Singh Gill, alias Dheera, one of the touts of the tainted PPSC Chairman, Sidhu was suspended w.e.f. April 28, the day he was arrested by the State Vigilence Bureau in connection with PPSC recruitment scam. After coming close to Sidhu, Dheera constructed a palatial house at Tarn Taran, at the cost of approximately Rs. one crore. 84 tolas of gold were seized on Wednesday from a bank locker of Dheera. He also had Rs. 6 lakhs in various bank accounts of Ludhiana where he was posted these days.

– Dhira's Ludhiana house raided. *Tribune.* May 1, 2002 : 3.

– PPSC scam: Dheera suspended. *Tribune.* May 2, 2002 : 3.

– Dheera names 13 more candidates. *Tribune.* June 6, 2002 : 1.

– Dheera prefers jail fearing rearrest. *Tribune.* July 12, 2002 : 6.

– Dheera, Sagar turn approvers. *Tribune.* July 19, 2002 : 7.

– Dheera, Sagar implicate Sidhu: Record Statements in Patiala court. *Tribune.* July 24, 2002 : 1-13.

– Dheera names bribe-payers : Says he was helping out old friends and did not keep any money for himself. *Times of India.* July 25, 2002 : 5.

– PPSC scam : Dheera, Sagar pardoned. *Tribune.* July 26, 2002 : 3.

Dhillon, Poonam

Bollywood actress and a former Miss India, Ms. Poonam Dhillon (37) joined the Congress Party on February 20, 2002. She is the first Bollywood heroine to join Congress in almost two decades.

– Poonam Dhillon joins Cong. *Tribune.* February 21, 2002 : 18.

Dhillon, Uttam

Uttam Dhillon, a well-known California Attorney of Indian origin, has been appointed Policy Director of the US House of Representatives Policy Committee.

– Indian is US House Policy Director. *Tribune.* April 12, 2002 : 9.

Dhumal, Prem Kumar

HP CM Prem Kumar Dhumal has hired a Delhi based PR firm to tell the people about his Government's achievements, keeping in view the assembly polls coming after about six months. Rs. 40 lakh bill is being met from the State exchequer. "It is like running the BJP election campaign at official expense", fumes PCC Chief Vidya Stokes, forgetting that Congress was also doing this when in power.

– Poll Bill. *India Today.* September 23, 2002 : 22.

Dias, A.L.

Mr. A.L. Dias (92), former governor of West Bengal, passed away in Mumbai on September 22, 2002. He was the first Goan to become governor of a state.

– India Digest : Former governor dead. *Times of India.* September 24, 2002 : 10.

Dilip Kumar

Noted film actor Mr. Dilip Kumar was granted bail on January 3, 2002 in an alleged case of land grabbing by a Chief Judicial Magistrate. Meerabai Borate, a relative of late freedom fighter Shivram Borate, had registered a criminal case against Dilip Kumar and three others for land-grabbing.

– Dilip Kumar gets bail in land-grab case. *Tribune*. January 5, 2002 : 8.

Dinakar, C.

Former Karnataka Police Chief Mr. C. Dinakar's book 'Veerappan's Prize Catch : Rajkumar' published by Konark Publishers, provides details of the payment of Rs. 20 crore ransom to secure the release of Kannada filmstar Rajkumar two years back from the brigand and sandalwood smuggler Veerappan. The book has become a source of embarrasment for the Karnataka CM, Mr. S.M. Krishna. At the time, the S.M. Krishna government had consistently denied that Mr. Rajkumar was released for a payment.

– Dinakar, C. Ring side view : Paying off Veerappan. *Hindustan Times*. November 24, 2002 : 10.

– Editorial : Smell a sandalwood scandal. *Hindustan Times*. November 25, 2002 : 10.

Dingko Singh

Gold medalist of Bangkok Asian Games in the bantam weight category Mr. Dingko Singh's hopes of retaining the gold medal were shattered as he suffered defeat at the hands of his North Korean opponent, Phyong Chol Choe in the very first round. Choe registered an emphatic 26–6 victory.

– Dingko crashes out in 1st round. *Tribune*. October 4, 2002 : 14.

Dixit, J.N.

Former Foreign Secretary Mr. J.N. Dixit on October 4, 2002 joined the Congress. He has been Indian envoy to Pakistan, Bangladesh, Srilanka and Afganistan. According to him, he made up his mind to join the party after communal violence in Gujarat.

– J.N. Dixit joins Congress. *Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 10.

Dixit, N.S. (Dr.)

Dr. N.S. Dixit, Chairman of the Batra Heart Centre has been awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Delhi Chapter of the Cardiological Socitey of India. Dr. Batra, who presides over the heart department of Batra Hospital, has been awarded for furthering the teaching and practice of cardiology.

– Dr. Dixit gets lifetime award. *Tribune*. October 10, 2002 : 15.

Dora, H.J.

Mr. H.J. Dora, took over as Director-General Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at CISF headquarters in New Delhi on February 23, 2002. Mr. Dora is an IPS officer of 1965 batch from Andhra Pradesh cadre.

– Dora is new CISF Chief. *Sunday Tribune*. February 24, 2002 : 10.

Dravid, Rahul

Vice-captain of Indian Cricket Team and Karnataka player has become the first Indian to secure the top spot in the Ceat Cricket ratings for the year 2002-2003 with a total of 53 points. His magnificent 217 in the fourth and Final Test against England helped him gain 17 points thereby elevating him to the top spot.

- In Brief : Dravid on top. *Tribune*. September 14, 2002 : 17.

Dutt, Sanjay

A special Mumbai court asks actor Sanjay Dutt, an accused in the 1993 bomb blasts trial, to submit final arguments on June 6 and 7, 2002 in support of his defence. The CBI has closed its case after recording evidence of 684 witnesses. The agency has submitted its arguments on the role played by each of the 123 accused in the conspiracy leading to 1993 serial blasts.

- Sanjay Dutt in court. *Times of India*. June 4, 2002 : 7.

A special Mumbai court on June 10, 2002 allowed Sanjay Dutt, film actor and an accused in the 1993 serial blast case to visit London and Los Angeles from June 15 to June 30 to shoot for the film *"Kaante"*. Permission was granted by designated TADA judge, P.D. Kode who directed Sanjay to file his programme with the Registrar.

- Sanjay Dutt allowed to go abroad. *Hindu*. June 11, 2002 : 5.
- Sanjay Dutt denies acquisition of arms. *Hindu*. July 4, 2002 : 5.
- Sanjay Dutt picks holes in prosecution case. *Hindu*. July 5, 2002 : 5.
- No link with plotters says Sanjay Dutt. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 5.

Tapes in which conversation between the Karachi-based underworld don, Chhota Shakeel and film star Sanjay Dutt, producer Harish Sugandh and directors Mahesh Majrekar and Sanjay Gupta was recorded in December 2001, were released by Mumbai Police in Mumbai on July 29, 2002. The tapes reveal the Bollywood–gangster nexus in a fool proof manner.

- Tapes expose Sanjay–Shakeel links. *Tribune*. July 30, 2002 : 1, 16.
- Chadha, Kumkum. Read between the lines : Sunil Dutt. *Hindustan Times*. July 30, 2002 : 1.
- Editorial : Underworld links. *Tribune*. July 31, 2002 : 10.
- Tapes have NCP-Congress ties in knot. *Indian Express*. August 1, 2002 : 3.
- Film Producers worried. *Times of India*. August 7, 2002 : 1.
- Raval, Sheela. Bollywood's bad boy. *India Today*. August 6-12, 2002 : 36, 39.

- Lawyers divided on Sanjay's arrest. *Hindu*. August 12, 2002 : 9.
- I cannot help Sanjay Dutt again, says Sena Chief. *Hindu*. August 21, 2002 : 12.

Sanjay Dutt was allowed on October 14 by the Special Court to Visit Tanzania, Kenya, Mauritius and South Africa from October 28 to November 11 to promote Hindi Film *Kaante*. Dutt is an accused in 1993 bomb blast case.

- Sanjay allowed to go abroad. *Tribune*. October 15, 2002 : 1.

Dutt, Sunil

Senior Congress leader, Sunil Dutt was on May 25, 2002 appointed head of the *Sadbhavana Ke Sipahi* rapid action force by Congress President Sonia Gandhi. This rapid action force would provide relief to victims in case of a communal riot.

- Sunil Dutt heads Sadbhavana Ke Sipahi. *Tribune.* May 26, 2002 : 10.

Veteran Congress leader and MP, Sunil Dutt launched the '*Sadbhavna Ke Sipahi*', a forum aimed at promoting social amity and to spread the message of peace, harmony and brotherhood on July 21, 2002 in New Delhi. Dutt claimed that the forum was "apolitical" and that everyone was welcome into its fold if they adhered to the forum's objectives.

- Sunil Dutt launches '*Sadbhavana Ke Sipahi*'. *Tribune*. July 22, 2002 : 8.
- Sunil Dutt begins walk for peace. *Times of India*. July 22, 2002 : 9.
- Cong. Launches 'outfit for peace'. *Hindu*. July 22, 2002 : 11.

Film star and MP, Sunil Dutt commenced his Sadbhavana Yatra at Golden Temple in Amritsar on August 10. The yatra is from Harmandir Sahib to Vaishno Devi and into Hazratbal. At Phagwara Mr. Dutt said that he would not act as mediator for talks with militants of Jammu and Kashmir. Calling the feeling of sadbhavana a universal feeling, he added that the objective of the yatra was unification of the country. He said, "We have fought too much and waged many wars, now let us give peace and love a chance. He regretted what had happened in various parts of Gujarat and the happenings in the North–East and Jammu and Kashmir.

- Sunil Dutt not to act as mediator. *Tribune*. August 22, 2002 : 5.

Film Star and MP Sunil Dutt received the annual Sat Paul Mittal Award on November 14, 2002 for his outstanding services to humanity. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh and a citation.

- Sunil Dutt received Sat Paul Mittal award. *Times of India*. November 15, 2002 : 6.

Dutta, Shyamal

Former Intelligence Bureau (IB) Chief Mr. Shyamal Dutta was on January 8, 2002 appointed the Governor of Nagaland. Mr. Dutta who retired as Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB) will succeed Mr. Om Prakash Sharma. Dutta has earlier headed the elite Special Protection Group (SPG).

- Spotlight : Rao new Governor of Tamil Nadu. *Tribune*. January 9, 2002 : 1.

- Editorial : Policemen in Raj Bhavans. *Tribune*. January 11, 2002 : 8.

Dutta, Subir

Secretary, Department of Defence Production and Supplies, Subir Dutta, was on June 21, 2002 appointed Defence Secretary. He replaces Yogendra Narayan. Dutta is 1967 batch IAS of West Bengal cadre.

- Dutta is new Defence Secretary. *Times of India*. June 22, 2002 : 1.

- Subir Dutta new Defence Secretary. *Hindu*. July 22, 2002 : 11.

Dutta-Ghosh, Meenakshi

Meenakshi Dutta-Ghosh, Joint Secretary Planning and Family Welfare, on June 12, 2002 took over as Chief of the National AIDS Control Organization (NACO). She is an IAS officer of 1970-batch.

- New Chief for AIDS body. *Hindu*. June 13, 2002 : 13.

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Fazli, Nida

Renowned song and ghazal writer Nida Fazli has been named for the prestigious Ghalib Award for Urdu poetry for the year 2002. Fazli, also known for his famous songs for films such as 'Sarfrosh', was selected by the Awards Committee of Ghalib Institute.

– In brief : Ghalib awards announced. *Tribune*. November 9, 2002 : 8.

Fernandes, George

Speaking at a function organized to mark the 92nd birth anniversary of socialist Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia in Faridabad on March 23, 2002, Fernandes said that the security systems of the country was still not fool proof and that several loopholes in the nation's security cover had been found in the evaluation done after the Kargil war.

– Country's security system not foolproof : Fernandes. *Tribune*. March 25, 2002 : 7.

Justice K. Venkataswami Commission probing the Tehelka expose is to examine Defence Minister George Fernandes in the third week of April after the cross-examination of others, including former BJP President Bhangaru Laxman.

– Tehelka panel may quiz George. *Tribune*. March 25, 2002 : 8.

Defence Minister Mr. George Fernandes, on March 30, 2002 defended the Narendra Modi Government's handling of the situation in Gujarat after the Godhra incident.

– Fernandes defends Modi Govt. *Hindu*. March 31, 2002 : 11.

Defence Minister Fernandes ruled out a review of the deployment of armed forces along the country's border with Pakistan while asserting that Pakistan must first address India's security concerns.

– Forces to stay: Fernandes. *Tribune*. April 16, 2002 : 1.

The Opposition had been boycotting George Fernandes during Question Hour for the past two sessions after he was re-inducted as Defence Minister after his resignation over the Tehelka expose. On May 2, CPM MP Sunil Kumar declined to ask the question listed against his name to the Defence Minister George Fernandes for the reason that Opposition does not recognize George as a Minister. PM Sayeed withdrew the question and took up the next one, though Treasury Bench MPs objected to it.

Opposition in Lok Sabha asked Deputy Speaker to admit a privilege motion against George Fernandes for his remarks on rape against women that "rape against women has taken place in communal riots in the past too…"

– Admit motion against George, say Oppn MPs. *Tribune*. May 7, 2002 : 1.

Editorial writes: the security of this nation rests on the shoulders of a man who is enmeshed in several controversies. George holds a vital portfolio at a time when relations with Pakistan continue to be on the boil. He has taken the country to war, thanks to 'intelligence failure' on the part of the military. He has been named in several irregularities by no less than the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). He has just about escaped breach of privilege censure by Parliament for circulating a document questioning the CAG findings. Typically, he has refused to hand over a Central Vigilance Commission report on defence deals to the Public Accounts Committee of the Parliament despite repeated requests. Transparency is not his style, nor grace a part of his make-up. Even if it were possible to overlook his scandalous remarks in Parliament on the mass rapes of women in Gujarat by putting it down to crass insensitivity, bigger worries loom large.

In nutshell, the security of this nation rests with a man who has shown himself ill fit for the office he holds. George's penchant for citing national security to keep from public view the gross irregularities in his Ministry cannot be wished away. Yet, the Prime Minister believes there is none so deserving as George for this critical Ministry.

– Editorial : The Burden of George. *Business World*. May 20, 2002 : 66.

While accusing Pakistan of continuing cross-border terrorism, Fernandes said, "the time has come to put an end to the proxy-war. India is left with no other option but to take decisive measures to stamp out cross-border terrorism. It is time to put an end to this menance."

– Time to put end to proxy war. Fernandes. *Tribune*. May 24, 2002 : 6.

Defence Minister, George Fernandes, had a half-hour meeting with the visiting British Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Michael Boyce, in New Delhi on May 24, 2002. Fernandes apprised the visiting dignitary of the mounting tension on the border between India and Pakistan in the wake of the May 14, 2002 Kalachuk killings. Fernandes pointed out that Pakistani troops had been on a regular basis opening unprovoked fire on Indian targets and that India reserved the right to resort to retaliatory fire.

– Fernandes briefs Boyce on border tension. *Tribune*. May 25, 2002 : 8.

Arrived in Singapore on May 31, 2002 to participate in the Asian Security Conference. Had talks with US Deputy Defence Secretary, Paul Wolfowitz. Ruled out immediate threat of war with Pakistan, described the situation along the tense border as stable.

– No immediate danger of war; says George: *Times of India*. June 1, 2002 : 1.

– George reaches Singapore for security meet. *Tribune.* June 1, 2002 : 11.

Fernandes said on June 1, 2002 that there had been no talks between top Indian and Pakistani military officials and did not see any possibility of any talks between military officials of the two countries.

- Baruah, Amit. No change in ground situation says Fernandes. *Hindu*. June 2, 2002 : 8.
- No solution to stand off with Pak: Fernandes. *Tribune*. June 2, 2002 : 11.

While delivering a speech at a conference of defence ministers and other security officials on June 2, 2002 in Singapore, Fernandes said that India would not be "impulsive" in its current standoff with Pakistan, but would be steadfast in the fight against terrorism.

- India not to be impulsive, George tells security conference. *Tribune*. June 3, 2002 : 9.

Fernandes dismissed fears of a nuclear war between India and Pakistan. "I don't agree with the idea that India and Pakistan are so imprudent and excitable that they will forget what nuclear weapons can do."

- Fernandes dismisses fears for nuclear war. *Hindu*. June 4, 2002 : 11.

Defence Minister George Fernandes on June 20, 2002 attended the inaugural of a three-day seminar 'Kashmir Vision-2020' in Srinagar. Speaking to media he said that infiltration had almost come to an end.

- Bukhari, Sujaat. We'll consider Hurriyat proposal: Fernandes. *Hindu*. June 21, 2002 : 1.

Defence Minister George Fernandes (72) was elected as the President of the Samta Party on September 1, 2002 in New Delhi. Mr. Rao the outgoing President of the Samta Party proposed his name and it was seconded by Railway Minister Nitish Kumar and Party General Secretary Shambhu Shrivastava.

George takes over as the President of the Samta Party when dissidence within the Party was raising its head.

- Back in Saddle, George hits out. Seeks review of Govt. functioning. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 1, 13.

The Defence Minister, George Feranandes, said at Wardha on September 24 that his Party was not opposing disinvestment, but favoured a review.

- Fernandes reiterates review of disinvestment. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 13.

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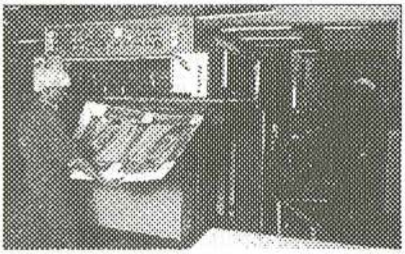

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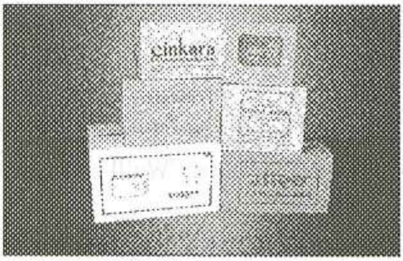

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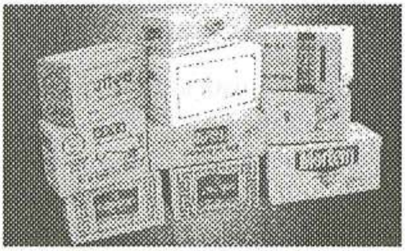

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Gaekwad, Shantadevi Pratapsingh (Rajmata)

Rajmata Shantadevi Gaekwad (87) of Vadodara passed away on May 22, 2002 following cardiac arrest at Vadodara. She is survived by three sons and five daughters.

– Baroda Rajmata Shantadevi dead. *Tribune.* May 23, 2002 : 8.

– Baroda Rajmata cremated. *Tribune.* May 24, 2002 : 8.

Gajmer, Bimal Kumar

Mr. Bimal Kumar Gajmer has won India's biggest online lottery. He won Playwin's Rs. 8.61 crore jackpot. Gajmer runs a small hotel in Gangtok, Sikkim.

– In brief : Sikkim hotelier hits Playwin jackpot. *Tribune.* May 29, 2002 : 7.

Gandhi, A.R. (Air Marshal)

Air Marshal, A.R. Gandhi was appointed Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the strategic Western Air Command (WAC) on May 20, 2002. Air Marshal Gandhi replaces Air Marshal Vinod Bhatia who was removed as the AOC-in-C WAC, following an incident in which an AN-32 aircraft that he was piloting was shot upon and damaged by Pakistan for crossing the LoC. Air Marshal Gandhi (58) had been officiating in the post since mid-April when Bhatia was removed and made Inspector-General at Air Headquarters. A highly decorated officer, Air Marshal Gandhi, was awarded the Vir Chakra for shooting down a Pakistan F-86 Sabre fighter in 1965 war.

– Gandhi Western Air Command AOC-in-C. *Tribune.* May 21, 2002 : 1.

Gandhi, Sonia

The BJP on March 24 lashed out at Congress President Sonia Gandhi saying that her criticism of the NDA government on the handling of the Kashmir issue as well as on the economic front only showed "opportunism" and was "unbecoming of the Leader of the Opposition."

Reacting to Mrs. Sonia Gandhi's criticism at the AICC session on March 24 that despite the deployment of troops along the western border for the past six months there had been no let up in terrorist activities, BJP leader J.P. Mathur and parliamentary party spokesman V.K. Malhotra said, "her statements are full of opportunism rather than concrete support."

"As opposition leader, she has a right to criticise the government. But, when our forces are at the front and both Houses of Parliament have given the message that the entire country is united, at this time to criticise the government and that too severely is unbecoming of the Leader of the Opposition," Mr. Malhotra pointed out.

– Sonia's remarks opportunistic. BJP. *Tribune.* March 25, 2002 : 8.

Opposition leader in the Lok Sabha, Sonia Gandhi, accused Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee of double speaks on the Gujarat issue. Participating in a debate in the Lok Sabha under Rule 184 on Gujarat, she reiterated her Party's demand for the removal of the CM Narendra Modi for abetting the riots and failure to protect lives and property of the Muslim community. She said asking Modi to face electorate would be a mockery of democracy when the State was burning.

– Stop 'double speak', Sonia tells Vajpayee. *Tribune*. May 1, 2002 : 1.

AICC resolution on foreign policy welcomed Congress President's decision to visit China in near future and stressed a meaningful and steady engagement with China, which it termed as a necessity and advantage.

– Sonia to visit China. *Tribune*. May 24, 2002 : 8.

Leader of Opposition and President of Indian National Congress, Sonia Gandhi, criticised Government's Kashmir policy while addressing the inaugural session of the All India Congress Committee on May 24, 2002. Speaking on the occasion she said, "As a responsible political party, we extend our hand of support to the Government at this critical hour, as a responsive political party we cannot overlook that this is also a Government that has revealed monumental incompetence on many fronts".

– Ansari, Javed. Govt. lacks strategy on Kashmir: Sonia. *Hindu*. May 25, 2002 : 1.

Congress President Sonia Gandhi on May 27, 2002 flagged off 30 trucks of wheat for border migrants in Jammu and Kashmir. While speaking at a function in New Delhi she urged the youth to work towards lessening the difficulties of people suffering due to Pakistani shelling in Jammu and Kashmir.

– Sonia flags off 30 trucks of wheat for J&K. *Tribune*. May 28, 2002 : 7.

Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi, hit out at the BJP led NDA government, at a well-attended 'Jan Jagran' rally in New Delhi. She said that the "Scam-tainted and communal" NDA government was "neck deep in corruption" and despite having a Prime Minister and a Deputy Prime Minister, it was unable to take action against those responsible for scams.

– Sonia calls govt. communal, scam-tainted. *Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 1, 20.

Congress President Sonia Gandhi on August 25, 2002 said in Gandhinagar : "If leaders take to incitement and walk the path of destruction, what inspiration will new generation draw from the depressive environment that surround them.

– Violence in Bapus Gujarat depressing. *Times of India*. August 26, 2002 : 8.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Ms. J.Jayalalithaa on August 29, 2002 made a scathing attack on Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi by raking up the issue of her foreign origin and said that having her as the prime minister would be a "disaster".

– Jayalalithaa rakes up Sonia's foreign origin issue. *Hindu*. August 29, 2002 : 1.

Congress President on November 8, 2002 addressed the fourth meeting of Congress Chief Ministers at Mount Abu (Rajasthan). She termed the BJP-led Government at the Centre as a "comprehensive failure" and said that the Party would meet the electoral challenge in Gujarat with "the message of religious tolerance."

- Sood, Prashant. NDA govt. comprehensive failure, says Sonia. *Tribune*. November 9, 2002 : 1, 8.
- Joshua, Anita. Be self-critical, Congress CMs told : NDA Govt. a failure, says Sonia. *Hindu*. November 9, 2002 : 1, 11.

Congress President Sonia Gandhi said on November 28 that her party strongly opposed the privatisation of profit-making Public Sector NALCO and assured her support to the agitating workers.

- Sonia opposes NALCO privatisation. *Tribune*. November 29, 2002 : 13.

Sonia Ganhdi on December 3, 2002, launched her party's election campaign in Gujarat. She offerred prayers at the famous Ambaji temple near Hadod before starting her poll compaign.

- Sonia kicks off poll campaign : Flays Modi's 'gaurav yatra'. *Tribune*. December 4, 2002 : 1.

Gandhi Vadra, Priyanka

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, daughter of Sonia Gandhi, Congress President gave birth to a baby girl in Sri Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi on June 24 at 6:10 a.m. It is her second child.

- Hospital awaits expectant Priyanka. *Sunday Tribune*. June 16, 2002 : 10.
- It is a baby girl for Priyanka. *Times of India*. June 25, 2002 : 1.

Ganeshwar Rao, Y.

Y. Ganeshwar Rao of Andhra Pradesh has been named captain of the India Under –19 cricket team that is scheduled to play three Test matches and as many limited over internationals against the England Under-19 team during its tour of England from July 17 to August 13, 2002.

- Ganeshwar Rao to lead India Under-19 squad. *Hindu*. June 16, 2002 : 20.

Ganguly, Taniya

Teenager Taniya Ganguly of Railways on September 12, 2002 shattered the women's 3m. spring board diving national record accumulating 354·95 points, erasing the previous record of 344·65 points held by Ishani Ghosh of Railways set at Mumbai in 1999. She retained her title.

- Taniya sets record in swimming. *Tribune*. September 13, 2002 : 16.

Garcha, Jagdish Singh

Former Punjab Technical Education Minister and SAD MLA, Mr. Jagdish Singh Garcha was arrested on October 19, 2002 in Ludhiana on the charges of alleged embezzlement of funds to the tune of Rs. 11 crore and irregularities in the appointment of 95 ad hoc employees during his tenure. He was remanded to a three-day police custody. Mr. Garcha was arrested along with Mr. A.S. Grewal former Director (Outreach) of the Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar for alleged irregularities.

- 3-day police remand for Garcha : PTU Director arrested, ex-VC booked. *Tribune*. October 20, 2002 : 1, 20.
- Another former Minister of Punjab arrested. *Hindu*. October 20, 2002 : 7.
- Kang, Harpreet K. Garcha building college on illegally acquired land. *Times of India*. October 20, 2002 : 5.

Court of Duty Magistrate Mr. Mandeep Pannu sent Mr. J.S. Garcha and Director (Outreach) of the Punjab Technical University (Jalandhar) Mr. A.S. Grewal to judicial custody till November 8, 2002 on October 25, 2002.

- Judicial remand for Garcha. *Tribune*. October 26, 2002 : 5.

Garewal, K.S. (Justice)

Mr. Justice K.S. Garewal had ruled on May 3 : "It is in the interest of fair and impartial investigation, besides trial, that the respondents are completely prohibited from disclosing the contents of the statements of the witnesses recorded under Section 161 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, the contents of the statements and confessions, if any, recorded under Section 172 of the Code."… " This prohibition shall remain in force until the investigating officer files the final report under Section 173 of the Code."

- Don't disclose confessions: HC. Order to plug leaks in Sidhu case. *Tribune.* May 4, 2002 : 1.

Orders of Justice K.S. Garewal of May 3, 2002 on the petition of Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu have been commented upon and the negative implications of these orders have been brought out by the *Tribune*. This order, the *Tribune* believes, has virtually put a stop to information flow in this vital corruption case. "What prompted the honourable judge to come out with the order is baffling. Looking at the importance of information flow, the order does not stand the test of logic. It does not involve any point of law. Nor can it be justified on grounds of natural justice".

- Jaisingh, Hari. No, my Lord! *Tribune.* May 5, 2002 : 1.

Garg, A.S. Justice (Retd.)

Justice A.S. Garg (Retd.) has been appointed as one-man Commission of Inquiry, by the Punjab Government to probe into the misdeeds of previous Parkash Singh Badal Government. The decision to appoint the Commission and its draft of notification were approved by the Punjab Cabinet on April 23,

2002. The Commission would enquire into the irregularities and illegalities, corruption and other misdeeds of the Badal Government through its functionaries. The functionaries under the scanner include former chief minister, his council of ministers, chief parliamentary secretaries, MPs among others.

– Retired judge to probe Badal govt.'s misdeeds. *Times of India*. April 24, 2002 : 1

– Commission to probe misdoings of Badal govt. *Tribune*. April 24, 2002 : 1.

The *Tribune* had reported on April 29 that a member of judicial services of Haryana had submitted a communication to the Punjab and Haryana High Court stating that Justice Garg had pressurized him to get the outstanding loan in the name of his son (Justice Garg's) waived by the Haryana Government. Justice Garg's son had set up an industrial unit in Haryana by securing a loan from the Haryana Financial Corporation.

– CM to be briefed on Garg controversy. *Tribune*. May 1, 2002 : 3.

Interestingly, the appointment of Justice A.S. Garg, too, has evoked severe criticism. The most significant of the complaints has been quoting former Haryana Chief Minister Bansi Lal's communication to the then Union Law Minister opposing his appointment to the Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on three counts, including a judgment he had delivered as District and Sessions Judge, Hisar, convicting Pradeep Kumar, the then MLA from Hansi, in a murder case. The conviction was subsequently set aside by the High Court with an observation that the trial judge fell gravely in error in convicting the MLA in the case. The other point mentioned in the letter of Mr. Bansi Lal, which is believed to be on the record of the Union Law Ministry, was that he had taken a discretionary quota plot from Mr. Bhajan Lal during his tenure as Chief Minister of Haryana. Mr. Bansi Lal is also believed to have mentioned that another High Court Judge had barred Justice A.S. Garg from entertaining bail petitions.

Yet another complaint quoting RCRs pertains to the Kartar Singh Badhana case in which the complainant has questioned the justification of Justice Garg as one-man inquiry commission. The complainant maintained that Justice Garg not only set aside the election of Mr. Kartar Singh Badhana but also declared his rival, whom he had defeated by more than 12,000 votes, elected in his place. The citation of the election petition decided by Justice Garg – Hari Singh Nalwa vs Kartar Singh Badhana is 2001 (1) RCR (Civil) 529 whereas the citation of the appeal decided by the Supreme Court is Kartar Singh Badhana vs Hari Singh Nalwa 2001 (2) RCR (Civil) 575. The orders of Justice Garg were set aside within four months by the Supreme Court with special costs qualified at Rs. 25,000.

In yet another case, a Division Bench of Punjab and Haryana High Court comprising Chief Justice A.B. Saharya and Mr. Justice V.K. Bali had not only set aside Justice Garg's order, and the market value of land was reassessed at

Rs.23 sq yd against Rs.400 sq yd chosen by Justice Garg without bothering about the binding precedent of the High Court, thus giving the land owner a financial benefit of Rs. 90 lakh.

– Garg commission evokes protests. *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 4.

Justice (retired) A.S. Garg resigned from his office on May 14, 2002 citing personal reasons. Garg was Chairman of the one-man judicial commission set up to look into cases of corruption during the regime of Parkash Singh Badal. Garg resigned in the wake of unsavoury controversy over his alleged tainted past. Serious allegations were levelled against him by a senior member of the Haryana Judicial Service. Justice Garg had allegedly tried to pressurize an Additional Sessions Judge and relation of Haryana Chief Minister, O.P. Chautala to get his son's loan of Rs.2.20 crores waived from the Haryana Financial Corporation. He has also reportedly faced a CBI inquiry in connection with an administrative irregularity. Due to his alleged tainted past he was denied single-bench cases during his 18-month tenure as judge.

– Under attack, Justice Garg submits resignation to governor. *Times of India*. May 15, 2002 : 1.

– Justice Garg resigns. *Tribune*. May 15, 2002 : 1,3.

Garg, Satish Chandra

Mr. Satish Chandra Garg, a retired Controller of Programmes (Commercial), Doordarshan has been sentenced to one year of rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 3,00,000/- for his involvement in corrupt practices and possessing assets disproportionate to known sources of income. Mr. Garg was found guilty of offences under various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act during his tenure from 1983 to 1986.

– DD ex-Controller convicted, fined. *Tribune*. February 14, 2002 : 8.

Gaud, B.V.

Former MD and CEO of the Stock Holding Corporation of India Ltd. (SHCIL) B.V. Gaud was arrested and remanded to police custody for alleged involvement in last year's Rs. 150 crore Calcutta Stock Exchange Scam.

– SHCIL MD, Ind V-P arrested. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 17.

Gauri Kumar

Former Secretary to the Government of Gujarat Higher and Technical Education, Gauri Kumar takes over as the new Director-General of the National Institute of Fashion Technology. An IAS officer of the 1979 Gujarat cadre, Kumar has also held the post of Managing Director, Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation and Gujarat State Civil Supplies.

– New Chief of NIFT. *Hindu*. May 14, 2002 : 4.

Gautam, P.L. (Dr.)

Noted farm scientist, Dr. P.L. Gautam, took over as the 17th Vice-Chancellor of the G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar (GBPAUT) on June 18, 2002. He is known for his outstanding contributions as director of the National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi and as national director of the World Bank's project for agricultural research extension and human resource development. Dr. Gautam began his career with GBPAUT in 1974 and has also served Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry in Himachal Pradesh.

- New Pant varsity V-C sets priorities. *Hindu*. June 19, 2002 : 5.

Geelani, Ali Shah (Syed)

Senior Hurriyat Conference Leader, Syed Ali Shah Geelani was arrested by police and Income Tax officials during raids at nine different premises on June 9, 2002. Cash amount of over Rs.10 lakh and $10,000 were recovered from the residence of Geelani in Srinagar. His two sons-in-law have also been arrested. Geelani has been shifted to the Central Jail, Ranchi, in Jharkhand.

- Geelani arrested under POTA. *Tribune*. June 10, 2002 : 1,13.
- Funds from ISI: Geelani, kin held under POTA. *Hindustan Times*. June 10, 2002 : 1.
- Pak condemns Geelani's arrest. *Tribune*. June 10, 2002 : 15.
- Laptop seized from Geelani's kin. *Tribune*. June 10, 2002 : 15.
- Military data found in Iftikhar Geelani's computer. *Hindu*. June 11, 2002 : 13.

Commenting on the arrest of senior Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, the editorial 'Tricky Turn in Valley' the *Times of India* dated June 11, 2002 writes: ... There is no denying the track record of Mr. Geelani, a self – proclaimed Pakistani sympathiser and member of the conservative Jammat-e-Islami party. The Jamaat's military wing is, in fact, the Hizbul Mujahideen. Mr. Geelani would most certainly be guilty, should it turn out that he channeled funds from the ISI to Srinagar based insurgent groups. Significantly, the arrest coincides with a widely-perceived turn in the tide of Kashmiri opinion against Islamabad... It is of utmost importance, then, that the government submit incontrovertible evidence of Mr. Geelani's guilt. Other than dampening the popular mood, failure to do so could also weaken the Centre's stand on Kashmir… worth New Delhi's while to rope in intelligence agencies from the US and UK to investigate the charge against Mr. Geelani. This could usefully unearth the financial channels that New Delhi insists pass through Islamabad and fund jehad in Kashmir and elsewhere…

- Editorial : Tricky Turn in Valley. *Times of India*. June 11, 2002 : 14.
- It would be Official Secrets Act slapped against Geelani. *Tribune*. June 11, 2002 : 1.

Commenting on Hurriyat leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani, an editorial in *Tribune* writes: The arrest of All-Party Hurriyat Conference leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani under POTA was long overdue. Of all the key functionaries of the separatist conglomerate, Mr. Geelani has been the most blatantly pro-Pakistan… He has been openly promoting Pakistan's interest in the valley and beyond by using his position in the Hurriyat as also his parent organization, the Jamaat-e-Islami of Jammu and Kashmir… Who was preventing the government from getting tough with separatist like Mr. Geelani and smashing the channels of funding them ? There has been nothing secret about their destructive activities. Of course, now is the ideal opportunity to put all Geelanis behind bars and teach them a lesson or two when their primary source of sustenance, Pakistan, has been forced by the international community to end its patronage of terrorism forever. But New Delhi could have done what it is doing today immediately after September 11 when terrorists, separatist and their mentors and guides found themselves in the dock. The nation has a valid reason to ask: why this delay ?"

- Getting tough with separatists (Editorial). *Tribune*. June 11, 2002 : 10.
- Geelani's 2 accomplices held. *Tribune*. June 12, 2002 : 1.
- Pandit, M. Saleem. More leads in Geelani case. *Times of India*. June 12, 2002 : 9.
- Varadarajan, Siddharth. Geelani arrest hits political solutions search. *Times of India*. June 12, 2002 : 9.
- Pandit, M. Saleem. Bandh paralyses life in Kashmir Valley. *Times of India*. June 12, 2002 : 9.
- Tough time for Geelani in Prison. *Tribune*. June 12, 2002 : 8.
- Kotru, M.L. Geelani arrest shows foreign funding of ultras. *Tribune*. June 15, 2002 : 8.
- Das, Sonali. Geelani misses his daily breakfast of cornflakes. *Times of India*. June 17, 2002 : 7.
- Geelani threatens to end life over poor jail facilities. *Tribune*. June 21, 2002 : 10.
- Vinayak, Ramesh and Lakshmi Iyer. Caging the hawks. *India Today*. June 18-24 : 32-33.
- Better facilities for Geelani in jail. *Tribune*. July 1, 2002 : 10.
- Bukhari, Sujaat. AHPC seeks release of Geelani, Malik. *Hindu*. July 13, 2002 : 13.

Geelani, Iftikhar Ali

Iftikhar Ali Geelani, son-in-law of senior Hurriyat leader, Syed Ali Shah Geelani and the chief of bureau of the Jammu-based *Kashmir Times* was remanded to judicial custody till July 2, 2002, by a Delhi court on June 18, 2002.

- Journalist remanded. (Digest) *Hindu*. June 19, 2002 : 1.
- Let Geelani trial be fair: Editor's Guild. *Tribune*. June 20, 2002 : 8.
- Scribe's memo to Sushma. *Hindu.* June 22, 2002 : 9.
- Documents not secret, says Iftikhar Geelani. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 13.
- Geelani remand extended. *Hindu*. July 9, 2002 : 11.

The *Kashmir Times* jounalist, Ifthikar Geelani was refused bail for the second time on November 16, 2002 despite the Central Government's position that there is no reason for his continued imprisonment.

- Geelani refused bail again. *Hindu*. November 17, 2002 : 13.

Geete, Anant

The Minister of State, Anant Geete, was elevated of the Cabinet rank on August 26, 2002 in place of Power Minister Suresh Prabhu who had resigned last week. Geete belongs to Shiv Sena party and this change is as per the wishes of the Shiv Sena supremo Bal Thackery, and has generated a controversy.

- Geete elevated. *Times of India*. August 27, 2002 : 1.

George, Anju Bobby

India's Anju George won the gold in the women's long jump event in Busan Asian Games on October 7, 2002. Twenty-five year old Anju from Kerala managed a jump of only 6·53 m far below her personal best of 6·74 m.

- Golden start by Anju George. *Tribune*. October 8, 2002 : 16.

George, Shobhana

Congress MLA, Ms. Shobhana George has been named as an accused by the Kerala Police Crime Branch in the case relating to the suspected forgery of the controversial 'letter' allegedly written by the DGP (Intelligence) to the Chief Minister, A.K. Antony's Private Secretary, stating that the Tourism and Fisheries Minister, K.V. Thomas was 'involved' in a Rs. 336-crore havala deal. Ms. Shobhana's private secretary, Anil P. Sreerangam was arrested from the MLA's house by the Crime Branch on September 20, 2002. He has been remanded to judicial custody for 14 days.

- Forgery : Cong MLA named third accused. *Hindu*. September 30, 2002 : 6.

Congress MLA Shobhana George was arrested on October 3, 2002 under a non-bailable warrant, by the Crime Branch team of Kerala Police in connection with the forged intelligence report case in Thiruvananthapuram. She was remanded to judicial custody till October 11, 2002.

- Arrested MLA faints in court. *Tribune*. October 4, 2002 : 7.
- Mary, John. A ham-handed character assassin. *Outlook*. October 8-14, 2002 : 6.

The KPCC Disciplinary Action Committee has recommended the expulsion of the controversial Congress MLA, Ms. Shobhana George from the party's primary membership.

- Cong panel recommends MLA's explusion. *Hindu*. December 4, 2002 : 7.

Ghai, Subhash

Subhash Ghai promoted Mukta Arts has sold its film Library to Sony Entertainment Television where several blockbusters from the Ghai stable would be screened from May 2002. Subhash Ghai signed a deal with Kunal Dasgupta of Sony in Mumbai on April 24, 2002. The deal was reportedly finalized for Rs.16.10 cr. for 11 films for five years. Ghai says, the screening of his films on small screen for the first time will be an opportunity to present his past work to the television viewers.

- Subhash Ghai sells his film library to Sony. *Hindu*. April 26, 2002 : 9.

Ghatak, Shanti Ranjan

Veteran CPM leader and former West Bengal Labour Minister, Mr. Shanti Ranjan Ghatak (82) died in Kolkata on November 1, 2002 following a protracted illness.

- In Brief : Labour ex-minister Ghatak dead. *Tribune*. November 2, 2002 : 8.

Ghosal, Saurav

Unseeded Saurav Ghosal won the boys under-17 event in the German Junior Open Squash Tournament at Gerlinger, Germany, beating C. Cordon of the USA 3-0, the Squash Rackets Federation of India announced on April 30. Ghosal who beat S. Weenink of the Netherlands 3-0 in the semi-final caused a big upset in the quarter final defeating German No. 1 T. Bohm in a marathon match that lasted one hour and 45 minutes. Earlier, in the first round of the tournament, which was held from April 26-28, the Indian beat third seed K. Johnson of England.

- Ghosal wins. *Tribune*. May 1, 2002 : 16.

Ghosh, Runu

Mr. Sukh Ram, Former Union Communication Minister and President of the Himachal Vikas Congress, was sentenced to three-years' rigorous imprisonment by a Delhi Court on July 5, 2002, in the Rs. 1.68 crore telecom equipment scam. The special judge has slapped a fine of Rs.2 lakh on the accused. Sukh Ram has been found guilty for being part of a criminal conspiracy to defraud the exchequer by awarding the contract to M/s. ARM of

Hyderabad which had supplied inferior equipment at a higher rate. The special judge also convicted Sukh Ram for a substantive offence under Section 13(2) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The court has also convicted former Deputy Director General in the Department of Telecom Runu Ghosh and Managing Director of the private firm Advanced Radio Masts, P. Rama Rao under the Prevention of Corruption Act. While Runu Ghosh was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 50,000 for her offence to be part of the criminal conspiracy, Rama Rao was sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs.2 lakh.

Runu Ghosh, a Telecom Department official convicted along with former Communications Minister Sukh Ram in a corruption case by a Delhi Court is challenging the special judge's order.

- Runu Ghosh files appeal in HC. *Tribune.* July 10, 2002 : 20.
- HC notice to CBI on Ghosh plea. *Hindu.* July 12, 2002 : 3.

Gianchand

Uttaranchal's Rural Development Minister Gianchand has been removed from the Council of Ministers on January 25, following his filing nomination as an Independent candidate for coming Assembly elections. This action was taken by Governor Surjit Singh Barnala on the recommendations of CM, B.S. Koshiyari.

- Uttaranchal minister removed. *Tribune.* January 28, 2002 : 8.

Gilani, S.A.R. (Prof.)

- Jha, Prem Shankar. Opinion : A lecturer in prison. *Outlook.* October 29-November 4, 2002 : 6.
- Update : Conviction in Parliament attack case. *Frontline.* 19(26) December 21, 2002- January 3, 2003 : 133.

Gill, Amarbir Singh (Justice)

Amol Gill, daughter of Punjab and Haryana High Court Justice Amarbir Singh Gill has been held guilty of using influence to get selected to the PCS (Judicial) by the Punjab's Vigilance Department. Amol Gill is accused of using 'sifarish' to get selected.

- Badal may face music : Cook's son in Vigilance net. *Tribune.* September 17, 2002 : 5.

Justice Amarbir Singh Gill's transfre to Guwahati High Court has created a stir in the Guwahati High Court Bar Association. The Bar Association in its extraordinary general body meeting on November 25, 2002 expressed grave concern and serious anguish over Justice B.N. Kirpal's "reported recommendation" just before his retirement to send Mr. Justice Amarbir Singh Gill on "punishment transfer" to the Guwahati High Court. Justice Gill has been in a serious controversy regarding Punjab Public Service Commission's job-for-cash scam. The advocates of Guwahati High Court have reportedly refused to accept this "tainted judge" from Punjab.

– Guwahati lawyers don't want Justice Gill. *Tribune*. November 27, 2002 : 18.

– Protest against 'tainted' judge's appointment. *Tribune*. November 28, 2002 : 1.

Gill, Gauri

Gauri Gill, daughter of the former Chief Election Commissioner, M.S. Gill, has won the prestigious Fifty Crows Foundation Award in photography for her project on pre-adolescent girls in Rajasthan. Gauri is the first Indian and only third Asian to achieve the rare feat.

– India Digest : Photography award. *Tribune*. June 12, 2002 : 9.

– Indian bags prestigious photo award. *Hindu*. June 12, 2002 : 9.

Gill, J.S.

Mr. Jai Singh Gill, a 1968 batch IAS officer of Punjab cadre has been appointed as the Secretary in the Ministry of Steel. Mr. Gill was earlier the Managing Director of the Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART).

– New Secretary for Steel Ministry. *Hindu*. December 12, 2002 : 12.

Gill, K.P.S.

Mr. K.P.S. Gill was unanimously elected as President of the Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) for the third consecutive term is Guwahati on January 30, 2002. Mr. Gill is a retired Assam cadre IPS officer who served a major part of his life in Assam and came to Punjab to take on militancy there.

– KPS Gill re-elected IHF Chief. *Tribune*. January 30, 2002 : 16.

K.P.S. Gill, former DGP of Punjab, has been appointed as Security Advisor to the Gujarat Chief Minister on May 2. The *Tribune* says : Mr. Gill's appointment is politically, administratively and diplomatically correct because Gill has an image of no-nonsense hard-core professional and belongs to a minority community. Gill has been given full powers and will be reporting directly to the Chief Minister. No tenure has been fixed for him.

– Gill is Modi's Security Advisor. *Tribune*. May 3, 2002 : 1,18.

Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) Chief Simranjit Singh Mann, on May 3 in New Delhi condemned the appointment of K.P.S. Gill as Security Advisor to the Gujarat CM. He threatened to move the various fora against this appointment, if carried through.

He said, "there are two maladies in Gujarat. One is the genocide of the Muslim minority and the other is the crime of rape and molestation of Muslim women. During his tenure as the DGP in Punjab, Mr. K.P.S. Gill was guilty of genocide of Sikhs. Secondly Mr. Gill has been convicted by a Chandigarh Court of molesting an IAS officer, Ms. Rupan Deol Bajaj."

– Mann flays Gill's appointment. *Tribune*. May 3, 2002 : 8.

– Gill's appointment sinister: Mann. *Tribune*. May 5, 2002 : 5.

Former DGP of Punjab Police and security advisor to the Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi, K.P.S. Gill was presented the 'Pride of Nation' award for his dedicated service to the nation at a function in New Delhi on July 22, 2002. The Union Minister of Health and Family Planning, Shatrughan Sinha presented the award to Mr. Gill, at a function organized by the All-India Anti Terrorists Front Chairman Mr. M.S. Bitta.

- Editorial : Gill in Gandhinagar. *India Today.* 27(20) May 14-20, 2002.
- Gupta. Sharad. What can Gill do? *India Today.* 27(20) May 14-20, 2002.
- Gill rushed to Godhra. *Times of India.* May 26, 2002 : 6.
- *Hindu.* July 23, 2002 : 4.

Vishva Hindu Parishad is reportedly annoyed with Gill's "pro-minority partisan stance" and holds it responsible for the latest round of violence in Ahemdabad.

- Dasgupta, Manas. Gill's stand partisan, says VHP. *Hindu.* June 12, 2002 : 11.
- Gill leaves for USA. *Tribune.* June 16, 2002 : 10.

In an interview to Rashme Sehgal, published in the *Times of India* dated July 6, 2002, Gill discusses his experiences and achievements in controlling the communal disorder in Gujarat as also his measures to ensure calm in the State. Says Gill, "The police must be perceived to enjoy the confidence of all communities. Sometimes, the systems develops a certain bias which it remains unaware of, an outsider is then required to rectify that imbalance".

- Interview: Licence to Gill. *Times of India.* July 6, 2002 : 14.
- K.P.S. Gill for early poll in Gujarat. *Tribune.* July 10, 2002 : 20.
- Joshua, Anita. Gill's remarks irresponsible: Cong. *Hindu.* July 11, 2002 : 1.
- Walia, Nona. A time to Gill. Men & Women : *Sunday Times of India.* July 28, 2002 : 2.

Formers DGP of Punjab and supercop Mr. K.P.S. Gill will be felicitated on October 27, 2002 by Pandit K. Santanam Smarak Samiti for developing a strategy to counter the menace of terrorism. Mr. Gill will be presented the Santanam Award for National Integration.

- In brief : K.P.S. Gill to be honoured. *Tribune.* October 26, 2002 : 8.

Gill, Kuldip Singh

Siromani Akali Dal leader and the nagar council president of Moga in Punjab, Mr. Kuldip Singh Gill is facing a vigilance probe by the Punjab's Vigilance Bureau. Vigilance Bureau has recommended registration of fraud and cheating case against him. Gill has already been booked in two different cases of cheating and forgery.

- Fraud case against Moga council chief. *Times of India.* September 9, 2002 : 3.

Gill, Saudagar Singh

Saudagar Singh Gill, an Indian who is accused of stabbing to death a 26-year-old Indian woman in Scarborough (Canada) was ordered to be extradited to Canada by a Delhi Court. Gill fled Canada after killing the woman. He was arrested by Punjab police on April 22, 2002 following a request from the Canadian authorities through Interpol.

– Indian extradited to Canada to stand trial. *Tribune*. December 23, 2002 : 8.

Gill, Tejinder Jit Singh (Lt. General)

Lt. Gen. Tejinder Jit Singh took over as the Director-General of Ordnance Services and Senior Colonel Commandant of the Corps on February 1, 2002. Commissioned in June 1963, the General is a skilled Paratrooper. Prior to the present appointment, Lt. General Singh was the Commandant, College of Materials Management at Jabalpur.

– Lt. General Gill is D-G Ordnance Services. *Tribune*. February 2, 2002 : 8.

Goel, Aruna (Prof.)

Prof. Aruna Goel from the Sanskrit faculty of the Panjab University, Chandigarh, has been nominated as a member of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, an apex body of higher education. She is the first lady from north India as also the first lady professor of Sanskrit on the UGC.

– PU professor is UGC member. *Tribune*. November 1, 2002 : 3.

– Nominated to UGC. *Hindu*. November 1, 2002 : 5.

Goel, Ashok, Air Marshal

Air Marshal Ashok Goel on November 9, 2002 was appointed as the new Inspector-General of Inspection and Flight Safety. He was earlier working as Senior Air Staff Officer, Eastern Air Command.

– Goel appointed IG–Flight Safety. *Sunday Tribune*. November 10, 2002 : 10.

– IAF announces appointments to two key posts. *Hindu*. November 10, 2002 : 9.

Gopal, R.R.

Editor of the Tamil bi-weekly, *Nakkeeran*, R.R. Gopal, is facing allegations that he masterminded the kidnap of Kannada film star Rajkumar by the sandalwood smuggler Veerappan in 2000. Special investigation cell of Tamil Nadu has served notice to Gopal on May 28, 2002 to report to Thalavadi police station for 15 days continuously, for interrogation. R.R. Gopal had acted as the government emissary to facilitate the cine star's release. Gopal has moved the Supreme Court for a direction to quash the summons by the Special Investigation Cell of Tamil Nadu, and restrain the Karnataka and Tamil Nadu Governments from proceeding with the investigation of the case against him and his staff.

- *Nakkeeran* editor to report to the police. *Times of India*. June 6, 2002 : 13.
- *Nakkeeran* Gopal moves SC to quash summons. *Hindu*. June 6, 2002 : 13.

A delegation of members of the Committee to Protect the Freedom of the Press met the Karnataka Chief Minister, S.M. Krishna on June 13, 2002 and urged him to keep the assurances given to Gopal and to stop the harassment of *Nakkeeran's* reporter, Shivasubramaniam by the Special Task Force. The delegation reminded, Krishna that it was only at the instance of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka that the *Nakkeeran's* editor Gopal ventured into the forests for negotiations with Veerappan.

- Journalists' appeal to Krishna. *Hindu*. June 14, 2002 : 12.
- Magazine editor asked to approach High Court. *Hindu*. June 18, 2002 : 13.
- Subramaniam, T.S. Update : A breach of trust. *Frontline*. 19(12). June 8-21, 2002 : 133.

Gopal, Sarvepalli (Dr.)

Eminent historian and a former president of the Indian History Congress, S. Gopal (78) passed away in Chennai. He was the son of former President, Sarvapalli Radha Krishnan. He started his career as a Lecturer in History in 1948 at Andhra University. He served this University till 1952. He took up the position of Asst. Director, National Archives Affairs, Government of India, for two years till 1954. He taught South Asian History at the Oxford University between 1966 and 1971, and returned to Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi where he served till his retirement in May 1983. At the time of his retirement he was Professor of Contemporary History. Dr. Gopal also served as the Chairman of the National Book Trust (1973-76) and was unanimously elected President of the Indian History Congress, in its Bhubaneswar meet in 1978. President K.R. Narayanan has condoled the death of Dr. Gopal.

- Historian S. Gopal is dead. *Hindu*. April 21, 2002 : 9.

Gopalaswamy, N.

Mr. N. Gopalaswamy, 58, a 1966 batch IAS officer of Gujarat cadre will take over as the new Home Secretary on October 15, 2002. He will succeed Mr. Kamal Pande who will take over as Cabinet Secretary on November 1, 2002.

- New Home Secy. *Tribune*. October 4, 2002 : 7.

Mr. N. Gopalaswami, on October 15, 2002 took over as the new Union Home Secretary. He said the implementation of the recommendations of the Justice Mallimath Committee on criminal justice system would be one of his top priorities.

- Gopalaswami takes over as Home Secy. *Tribune*. October 16, 2002 : 8.
- Advani's handpicked man as Home Secretary. *Tribune*. October 17, 2002 : 10.

Gopichand, Pullela

India's ace shutler, Pullela Gopichand lost to South Korea's Seung Mo Shon in the men's quarter-finals, in straight games 9-15, 11-15 on October 12, 2002 at the badminton singles event of the 14th Asian Games, Busan.

– Erratic Gopichand crashes out. *Sunday Tribune*. October 13, 2002.

Goswami, Indira

Well-known Assamese writer Indira Goswami received the 36th Bhartiya Jnanpith Award for Literature for the year 2000 from Nobel Laureate Sir V.S. Naipaul in New Delhi on February 24, 2002. She is the second writer from Assam after B.K. Bhattacharya to be honoured with this Award. Sir Vidia Naipaul also released Ms. Goswami's latest novel 'Chhinnamasta' that exemplifies her engagement with the "site and the soil".

– Indira Goswami to be awarded Jnanpith. *Times of India*. February 24, 2002 : 7.

– Pen was Jnanpith winner's saviour. *Times of India*. February 25, 2002 : 1.

Gour, Rohitash

Acclaimed actor and Secretary of the Shimla-based All India Artists Association, Rohitash Gour has been selected by a leading cultural society of Ahmedabad, '*Rang Karmi*' for its "Bhagwan Sriram National Award – 2002". Gour is playing as "*Vidur*" in Sanjay Khan's serial *Jai Mahabharat*. The award will be presented at Shimla on June 24, 2002.

– Bhagwan Shriram award for Gour. *Tribune*. June 2, 2002 : 6.

Goyal, C.B.

C.B. Goyal an industrialist based in Panchkula has been elected President of the Haryana Chamber of Commerce and Industry on April 20 at Ambala.

– C.B. Goyal HCCI Chief. *Tribune*. April 21, 2002 : 6.

Goyal, J.B.

The Vigilance Bureau has initiated an enquiry against J.B. Goyal, an IAS officer, for committing irregularities in the appointments made in the local bodies when he was posted there as Director during SAD–BJP rule. He is presently Secretary, Technical Education of Punjab.

– IAS Officer in VB net. *Times of India*. August 27, 2002 : 6.

Grewal, S.S. (Lt. Gen.)

Lt. Gen. S.S. Grewal, the Adjutant-General at the Army Headquarters retired on April 30, 2002 after putting in 40 years in the army. An alumnus of the Rashtriya Indian Military College, Gen Grewal was commissioned into the 5th Battalion of the Jammu & Kashmir Rifles in June 1962. He was awarded a Sena Medal for the flood relief operations undertaken in Punjab in 1989. As a General Officer, he commanded a Division in the Kashmir Valley and a Corps in the Eastern Sector. He was appointed as the Adjutant- General at the AHQ in 1998. He is decorated with the Param Vishisth Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and Sena Medal and the Vishisth Seva Medal.

– Adjutant-General Grewal retires. *Tribune.* May 1, 2002 : 8.

Grewal, Serla

Mrs. Serla Grewal, a former Governor of Madhya Pradesh and a distinguished civil servant died at the PGI in Chandigarh on January 29, 2002, after a protracted illness. She was 74. She had succeeded Mr. B.K. Nehru as President of the *Tribune* Trust in April 2000 after Nehru stepped down for health reasons. She is survived by her husband and two sons.

– Serla Grewal is dead. *Tribune*. January 30, 2002 : 1.

– *Tribune* staff pay homage to Serla Grewal. *Tribune*. January 31, 2002 : 3.

Guha, Samar

Veteran freedom fighter Samar Guha (85), a close associate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, passed away in Kolkata on June 18, 2002 after a protracted illness. Guha a former MP and a member of Janata Dal (S) till his death, was renowned academician, whose books on chemistry are widely used.

– Freedom fighter Samar Guha dead. *Tribune.* June 19, 2002 : 8.

Gujral, N.S.

Chairman and Managing Director of Punjab and Sind Bank, Mr. N.S. Gujral has been nominated by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) as the public representative director on the Board of Directors of Delhi Stock Exchange Association Limited. Mr. Gujral an Udyog Rattan awardee and Management Man of the Year, has been elevated to the position to ensure impartial functioning of the Govering Board of the Stock Exchange.

– Briefly : Stock exchange director. *Hindu*. September 17, 2002 : 4.

Gulati, I.S. (Prof.)

Prof. I.S. Gulati (78) noted economist and former Vice-chairman of the Kerala State Planning Board, passed away in Thirunvananthapuram on May 27. He was an expert on public finance and the centre-state fisscal issues.

– In brief : Economist Gultai dead. *Tribune*. May 27, 2002 : 7.

– Krishna Kumar, R. Obituary : A Professor and a planner. *Frontline*. 19(12). June 8-21, 2002 : 104-105.

– Patnaik Prabhat. Obituary : The journey of a progressive economist. *Frontline*. 19(12). June 8-21, 2002 : 105-106.

Gulati, Rajiv

Mr. Rajiv Gulati, Chairman and Managing Director of Eli Lilly and Company was conferred with the 2000 IMM award for Excellence as Top CEO at the 29th World Marketing Congress held at New Delhi on March 21, 2002.

– Biz briefs : IMM award. *Tribune*. March 22, 2002 : 15.

Gupta, Abhinn Shyam

Defending champion and Indian national champion in badminton, A.S. Gupta, was knocked out in the second round of the men's singles of the $10,000 French Open Badminton International Championships in Paris on March 16, 2002.

– Abhinn knocked out of Paris Open. *Tribune.* March 17, 2002 : 22.

Gupta, Atma Ram

Mr. Atma Ram Gupta (50), Congress municipal councillor from Tri Nagar has been murdered, allegedly by his fellow corporator, Sharda Jain and her brother. Mr. Gupta was missing for the past few days.

– Missing councillor murdered, colleague arrested. *Tribune.* August 28, 2002 : 1-7.

– Gupta's family seeks CBI probe. *Hindu.* August 29, 2002 : 3.

– Councillor's killers identified. *Hindu.* September 3, 2002 : 3.

The sixth accused in the sensational murder of the Congress Councillor, Atma Ram Gupta, Roshan Singh, was arrested from Hoshangabad in Madhya Pradesh on November 14, 2002. The accused, Roshan Singh is a former pradhan of Jhajjupur village of Ghaziabad in UP.

– Wheat scam responsible for Gupta's murder. *Hindu.* November 4, 2002 : 4.

– 6th accused in Atma Ram Gupta case held. *Hindu.* November 17, 2002 : 3.

Gupta, Harsh

The Himachal Pradesh Chief Secretary, Mr. Harsh Gupta, IAS retired on October 31, 2002, after having served the State and the Centre in various capacities for 36 years.

– HP Chief Secy retires. *Tribune.* November 1, 2002 : 17.

Gupta, J.P.

Former Chairman, Railway Board and former Chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Gupta passed away on March 19, 2002. Born in 1927, Mr. Gupta joined the Railways as special class railway apprentice (SCRA) in 1946. He rose to become Chairman, Railway Board and retired in 1985.

– Ex-Chairman of Railway Board dead. *Tribune.* March 20, 2002 : 8.

Gupta, Jawahar Lal (Justice)

Justice J.L. Gupta of Punjab and Haryana High Court was appointed Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court by the President on October 25, 2002.

– Justice Gupta CJ of Kerala High Court. *Tribune.* October 26, 2002 : 1, 20.

Gupta, K.C. (Dr)

The senior surgeon at the Sawai Man Singh Hospital, Jaipur, Dr K.C. Gupta was caught red-handed for allgedly accepting a bribe of Rs. 1,500 from a patient on Sept. 23.

– Surgeon held on bribery charge. *Hindu.* September 25, 2002 : 3.

Gupta, Kalyan Singh

Founder of the Lok Kalyan Samiti, Kalyan Singh Gupta died in New Delhi on January 23. He was 79. Born in 1923, in a middle class family of businesssman-reformists and social workers of Haryana, Kalyan Singh Gupta had his early education in the Universities of Panjab and Delhi and later successfully completed a post-graduation course at London• School of Economics under Prof Harold Laski.

He returned to India in 1951 and started his career in journalism in the Indian News Chronicle. In his early age, he came under the influence of Mahatma Gandhi. He took active part in the freedom struggle and was imprisoned. Just after Independence, he joined politics along with stalwarts like Acharya J.B. Kriplani, Jai Prakash Narain, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Ms. Suchetra Kriplani and Ms Aruna Asaf Ali. Politics however did not suit his temprament and he founded the Lok Kalyan Samiti in 1952.

During 1959, he was moved by the plight of 50,000 Tibetan refugees who sought asylum in India. He founded the Central Relief Committee (CRC India) for rendering relief and rehabilitation aid to these refugees. In appreciation of the services, he was conferred the Padma Shree by the President of India in 1969.

– Padma Shri Kalyan Singh Gupta dead. *Tribune*. January 25, 2002 : 8.

Gupta, R.S.

Radhey Shyam Gupta, Special Commissioner of Police (Administration) takes over from Ajay Raj Sharma as the new Police Commissioner of Delhi on July 1, 2002.

Mr. Gupta, an Indian Police Service officer of the 1968 batch, had joined the police force in the AGMU cadre on July 4, after teaching Management and Business at Sri Ram College of Commerce at Delhi University for three years. A recipient of several awards, including the Police Medal for Meritorious Services and the President's Medal for Distinguished Services, Mr. Gupta has handled several assignments in various capacities.

Mr. Gupta was appointed the Inspector-General of Chandigarh in 1990, when terrorism in Punjab was at its peak and he remained there for three years by which time it had started ebbing. Another three-year stint was in store for him as I-G Tihar Prisons, where he was credited with initiating reforms regarding health, management and human rights of the inmates. Some of the steps taken by him were also appreciated by the Supreme Court.

At different points of time in his career, Mr. Gupta was also assigned non-police posts. In December 1983, he was made the Secretary of Central Board of Secondary Education, a post at par with the Deputy Inspector-General. His role in reorganizing the establishment as well as academics and examinations was also appreciated. He also served as Chief Vigilance Officer in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, early in his career.

After serving different police forces in various capacities, he was promoted to the post of Special Commissioner of Police in 1999, in which capacity he handled all the three Wings – Security and Operations, Intelligence and Administration. Ensuring VVIP security during the visit of Bill Clinton, the then United States President, in March 2000, spearheading investigations into two major cases – the Red Fort attack in December 2000 and the Parliament attack a year later – have been among his major achievements.

– R.S. Gupta to take charge on July 1. *Hindu*. June 30, 2002 : 3.

Commissioner of Delhi Police, R.S. Gupta had stated that crime against women will drop by 50 per cent if they are careful in the way they dress, know their limits and donot exercise unsafe behaviour. Later when existicised, he said that this statement has been quoted out of context, though the special correspondent did not agree with him.

– Two views. *India Today*. September 23, 2002 : 16.

Gupta, Sanjay

Mr. Sanjay Gupta, director of Bollywood blockbuster "Kaante" was seriously injured in a road mishap on Mumbai–Pune highway on December 27, 2002. Mishap occured when his car collided against a pole at a speed ranging form 80–90 km. per hour. He was admitted to Mumbai's Lilavati Hospital.

– Spotlight : Film maker critical. *Sunday Tribune*. December 29, 2002 : 1.

– Snapshots : Gupta still critical. *Sunday Times of India*. December 29, 2002 : 1.

Gupta, Sudhir

Young Indian entrepreneur Mr. Sudhir Gupta (45) has joined a galaxy of international personatilies who have been given the Peter the Great Award for 2002. Gupta, Director of the Amtel Joint Stock Company is the first Indian to receive the award, which is given to eminent foreign nationals for their contribution to enhancing business and cultural ties with Russia. Gupta had earlier received the prestigious Friendship Award from the Russian President Vladimir Putin and a bronze medal from the former President Boris Yeltsin for his contribution to promoting business in the country.

– Indian wins Russian award. *Tribune*. January 4, 2002 : 11.

Gurbux Singh

Chairman of Britain's Commission of Racial Equality, Mr. Gurbux Singh was arrested following his drunken celebration after India won the match over England during the Nat West cricket final at the Lords. He had to resign as the Chairman of Commission of Racial Equality.

– Suri, Sanjay. UK racial equality panel chief quits : Was arrested after drunken brawl. *Tribune*. August 9, 2002 : 18.

Gurm, H.S. (Dr.)

Vice-Chancellor of Punjab Technical University, Dr. H.S. Gurm allegedly roughed up a journalist himself and smashed his camera. The reporter along with his colleague was covering a dharna by the students of the affiliated engineering colleges inside the University campus. As one of the reporters tried to record the conversation between the Vice-Chancellor Gurm and the agitating students, the VC got infuriated and manhandled the journalist himself. He even reportedly snatched the camera and smashed it. Later one of the reporters was detained and illegally confined to a nearby room. As the agitating students started breaking window panes of the University, the reporter was quietly released by the University authorities.

- VC manhandles scribe. *Tribune*. April 24, 2002 : 5.
- CM seeks report on charges against Gurm. *Times of India*. April 26, 2002 : 1.

A Vigilance Bureau probe has been ordered against the former Vice-Chancellor of the Punjab Technical University for allegedly committing irregularities in preparing examination results and in appointments in the University. Dr Gurm has also been charged with misbehaving with female staff of the PTU and receiving bribe from students for their admission to various professional courses.

- Former V-C in VB net. *Times of India*. August 27, 2002 : 6.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Punjab Technical University Dr. H.S. Gurm is absconding since an FIR was registered against him and former minister J.S. Garcha, implicating them in the multi-crore scam. State's Vigilance team raided his residence on October 28, even as information regarding Dr Gurm has been flashed to all the international airports.

- Vigilance raids on PTU ex-VC's house. *Tribune*. October 29, 2002 : 3.
- Vigilance raid at Gurm's house. *Times of India*. October 29, 2002 : 5.
- Gurm's police remand extended. *Sunday Tribune*. December 29, 2002 : 5.

Gursharan Singh

Gursharan Singh, District Sports Officer at Sangrur in Punjab, has been nominated by the Asian Badminton Confederation to supervise matches in the badminton event of Asian Games being held at Busan from Sept. 29 to Oct 14, 2002. Gursharan Singh is the only Indian umpire who has been selected for this prestigious event.

- Gursharan Singh as Asiad umpire. *Tribune*. July 7, 2002 : 23.

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Habibullah, Wajahat

Significance is being attached to the recent visit of Mr. Wajahat Habibullah, a senior bureaucrat and at present Director, Lal Bahadur Shastri Academy of Public Administration in Mussoorie, to Srinagar where he had separate meetings with several leaders of the All-Party Hurriyat Conference.

Mr. Habibullah has functioned as Divisional Commissioner, Jammu during a critical period and his handling of the Hazratbal shrine siege by militiants had endeared him to people and political leaders of different hues. Knowledgeable circles say that his visit was a part of the diplomatic exercise to encourage separatists to participate in the mainstream political activities.

The Chairman, APHC, Prof. Abdul Gani Bhat, confirmed that Mr. Habibullah had a 20-minute sitting with him, "Yes, we did not discuss weather but exchanged views on the mounting border conflict between India and Pakistan."

– Was Habibullah on a mission in J & K ? *Tribune*. January 6, 2002 : 3.

Hurriyat Conference rejected outrightly the possibility of negotiations with Mr. Wajahat Habibullah–Centre's "unofficial" emissary on Kashmir–on February 10, 2002. It said that it was ready to talk to "anyone having direct access to the Prime Minister ... someone like Mr. Brajesh Mishra for finding a "lasting and permanent solution to Kashmir issue.

– No talks with Habibullah : Only PM's confident acceptable : APHC. *Tribune*. February 11, 2002 : 1.

Halder, Baidyanath (Dr.)

Sukumar Mukherjee, a consultant in Medicine is one of the two eminent Kolkata doctors who have been sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs.3,000/- each for negligence of duties and giving an improper treatment to Anuradha Saha leading to her death. The other doctor is Baidyanath Haldar, a dermatologist. The judgement was delivered on May 29, 2002, by the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Alipore.

– Gupta, Subharangshu. Row over verdict on 2 Kolkata doctors. *Tribune*. June 6, 2002 : 8

Hamdard, Barjinder Singh

Jalandhar based media baron, Barjinder Singh Hamdard, organized and addressed a public protest-rally at Desh Bhagat Yadgar Hall, from where the protesters led by him marched to the office of Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar on May 6 for submitting a memorandum to the Governor against the misdeed of the Punjab Government.

– Hamdard leads rally against govt. *Tribune*. May 7, 2002 : 2.

Hans, Hans Raj

Famous Punjabi pop and classical singer Hans Raj Hans has received threatening telephone calls from the underworld in Dubai. Hans was having some dispute with a Mumbai-based music company that owed him Rs. 50 lakh and when the singer asked for this money he started receiving threatening calls.

– Threatening calls to Punjabi pop singer. *Hindu*. September 20, 2002 : 12.

– Pop star threatened. *Times of India*. September 20, 2002 : 1.

Popular Punjabi pop and sufi singer Mr. Hans Raj Hans on September 21, 2002 accused the owner of T-Series cassettes, Bhushan Kumar, of getting him threatened through the underworld, and trying to finish his career as a singer. Hans claimed that he was getting several anonymous threatening calls from different places.

– 'They are trying to kill me'. *Sunday Times of India*. September 22, 2002 : 1.

– Bhushan refutes Hans' charges. *Tribune*. September 23, 2002 : 8.

Hanspal, H.S.

H.S. Hanspal was formally installed as the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee President in Chandigarh on August 18. He promised to implement the Party's election manifesto. He also promised to keep the size of PPCC small.

– Hanspal takes over as PPCC Chief. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 5.

– Hanspal to keep PPCC size small. *Times of India*. August 19, 2002 : 3.

Harbhagwan Singh

Mr. Harbhagwan Singh is the new Advocate-General of Punjab. He replaces H.S. Mattewal. Mr. Harbhagwan Singh was Advocate-General of Haryana during 1981-85 and Punjab in 1996-97. He had been the President of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association in 1973-74, and had been a member of the Law Faculty at the Panjab University, Chandigarh.

– Harbhagwan Singh is Punjab A-G. *Tribune*. March 2, 2002 : 3.

Harbhajan Singh (Dr.)

Eminent Punjabi writer and Sahitya Akademi Award winner, Dr. Harbhajan Singh (83) died in New Delhi on October 21, 2002. A former professor at Delhi University, Mr. Singh was the recipient of Kabir Samman conferred by the MP Govt. and Saraswati Samman conferred by the Birla Foundation.

– Sandhu, Gulzar Singh. Dr. Harbhajan Singh : a trend-setter in poetry. *Tribune*. October 26, 2002 : 11.

– Eminent Punjabi writer passes away. *Hindu*. October 22, 2002 : 5.

Harbhajan Singh

Two Indian cricketers, off-spinner Harbhajan Singh and batsman Virender Sehwag were fined 200 NZ dollars each by New Zealand's Ministry of Agriculture for arriving in the country with dirty shoes on December 2, 2002.

- Harbhajan, Sehwag fined. *Tribune*. December 3, 2002 : 15.
- A dirty landing. *Hindu*. December 3, 2002 : 23.
- Bhatti, Jaspal. Ulta-Pulta : Clean your shoes please ! *Tribune*. December 6, 2002 : 2.

Harcharan Singh, Lt. Gen.

Param Vashisht Seva Medal was conferred on Lt. Gen. Harcharan Singh, Director-General of Medical Services (Army) on January 26, 2002. This is the highest peace time award given to Army personnal for distinguished service.

- His devotion to duty pays off. *Tribune*. January 30, 2002 : 6.

Hari Krishna (Dr.)

Dr. Hari Krishna, a cancer specialist and gynaecologist who runs a clinic at Greater Kailash Part II in South Delhi, alleged on November 6, 2002 that the "encounter" at the Ansal Plaza basement in New Delhi on November 3, 2002 in which two terrorists were killed was orchestrated. Dr. Krishna had claimed that he was in the underground parking lot of Ansal Plaza when the "unarmed" and "crippled" terrorists were gunned down by plainclothes sleuths.

- Protection sought for 'encounter' witness. *Hindu*. November 7, 2002 : 1.
- Ansal Plaza encounter : Delhi doctor goes into hiding. *Hindu*. November 8, 2002 : 1.
- Pandey, Devesh K. Bid to silence me : doctor. *Hindu*. November 9, 2002 : 1.
- He was not present during shootout : Police. *Hindu*. November 10, 2002 : 3.
- Krishnan, Murali. Controversy : Fire down below–An eyewitness account takes the sheen off a Delhi Police anti-terrorist operation. *Outlook*. November 12-18, 2002 : 38-40.
- Dr. Krishna's plea referred to Bench. *Tribune*. November 22, 2002 : 8.
- Ansal shootout 'witness' sues Bharati Cellular. *Sunday Hindustan Times*. November 24, 2002 : 5.
- Ansal Plaza shootout eyewitness sues Air Tel. *Hindu*. November 24, 2002 : 3.

Haribhaskar, N.

Former Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary N. Haribhaskar was absolved of charges of acquiring ill-gotten wealth to the tune of Rs. 72.44 lakh by a special court in Chennai on August 5, 2002.

- Tamil Nadu ex-chief secretary absolved in wealth case. *Times of India*. August 6, 2002 : 7.

Harika, Charanjiv Singh, Brig. (retd.)

Brig. Charanjiv Singh Harika has been appointed as Chairman of the reconsituted Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board (PSSSB) by the Punjab Government.

- Brief. Harika to head PSSSB. *Tribune*. November 15, 2002, : 6.

Harish Kumar

Haryana cadre IPS officer of Inspector-Genral rank Mr. Harish Kumar who was absconding for over a year after he was charged with smuggling high value metals into the country was nabbed on September 5, 2002, in New Delhi. Mr. Harish Kumar was earlier Director of the National Crime Records Bureau.

- Absconding IPS officer nabbed. *Hindu*. September 7, 2002 : 3.
- CM's engagement delay IG's suspension. *Tribune*. September 17, 2002 : 6.

Harlalka, Shaleen

Shaleen Harlalka, 17-year old, Class XII student of St. John's High School from Kota in Rajasthan, has developed an equipment to destroy landmines. British Council has awarded him scholarship to fecilitate presentation of his project at an international science forum in London. The equipment has also caught the army's interest. Lightweight, portable landmine destroyer is remote controlled and can be used in jungles and in narrow paths.

- Laxman, Srinivas. Boy develops landmine destroyer. *Times of India*. July 26, 2002 : 7.

Harvansh Singh

Transport Minister in the Madhya Pradesh Government, Harvansh Singh, has been sentenced to one month's imprisonment in a contempt of court case by the Gwalior Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court. A retired Asstt. Legal Officer of the MP Road Transport Corporation had moved the Bench against the inordinate delay in payment of his retirement benefits. Minister has instructed the Advocate-General to appeal against the verdict as he could not be held directly responsible in payment of the retirement benefits to the employees of the MP Road Transport Corporation.

- Minister sentenced for contempt. *Tribune*. March 25, 2002 : 8.

Hasnain, E. Seyed (Dr.)

Dr. Seyed E. Hasnain, Director, Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad has been selected for the 11th G.D. Birla Award for Scientific Research for 2001. Dr. Hasnain has been the recipient of several national and international awards.

- G.D. Birla award. *Tribune*. February 7, 2002 : 20.

Hasnain, Iqbal (Syed) Prof.

Syed Iqbal Hasnain, a professor in Glaciology, School of Environmental Sciences at Jawahar Lal Nehru University (Delhi) has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the Calicut University, Kerala. Prof. Hasnain has gained international recognition for his research work on Himalayan Glaciers.

– Red Hot : JNU professor is new VC. *Education Times* : *Times of India*. November 18, 2002 : 1.

Hazare, Anna

Gandhian crusader Anna Hazare's *maun varat* which started on September 21 in Mumbai to protest against govenment apathy in taking action against corruption is giving sleepless nights to the ruling Çongress. Maharashtra CM Vilasrao Deshmukh is already troubled and a few ministers have gone into hiding as Hazare has declared that he would expose the corrupt ministers.

– Anna Hazare troubles Cong. *Times of India*. September 25, 2002 : 12.

Hegde, S.N. (Prof.)

Prof. S.N. Hegde, Vice-Chancellor of Mysore University is facing serious corruption charges. Mr. K. Mahadev, a member of the university syndicate has accused Prof. Hegde of demanding and receiving $ 7000 (Rs. 3·5 lakhs) from Dr. Ramdas, promoter of TTL College of Business Management, Mysore. Dr. Ramdas in a letter written to the state Governor and Chancellor of the University, Mr. T.N. Chaturvedi, on September 11, 2002 offered to produce all documents before the Governor or any Commission of Inquiry.

– Rs. 3·5 lakhs paid to Vice-Chancellor. *Hindu*. September 14, 2002 : 6.

The Karnataka Government, in a letter to the Registrar of the University of Mysore, has sought report on the charges of corruption levelled against Mr. S.N. Hegde, Vice-Chancellor of the University.

– Govt. seeks report on charges against VC. *Hindu*. November 9, 2002 : 6.

Hembram, Mahendra

Mr. Mahendra Hembram, one of the 13 accused in the Asutralian missionary, Graham Staine's murder case, on February 1, 2002 confessed before a trial judge that he had set ablaze the vehicle while the Staines were asleep.

– Spotlight : Accused 'torched' Staine vechicle. *Tribune*. February 2, 2002 : 1.

Heptullah, Najma (Dr.)

In a rare gesture, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) nominated its outgoing President, Dr. Najma Heptullah as its Honorary President for life. Dr.Heptullah was unanimously elected as the President of the IPU in 1999 for a three-year term. She was the first women to head this world organisation of 145 national parliaments in its 113 year history.

– In Brief : Heptullah is IPU honorary President. *Tribune*. October 9, 2002 : 8.

Hinduja, Gopichand

The three Hinduja brothers Gopichand, Srichand and Prakashchand along with Swedish arms manufacturer A.B. Bofors were charged on November 15, 2002 by a Delhi court, of criminal conspiracy, corruption and cheating. The charges were framed on the basis of the 176-page order passed on November 14, 2002. The trial will commence on December 4, 2002.

– Charges framed against Hinduja, Bofors. *Tribune*. November 16, 2002 : 1.

Hooda, Bhupinder Singh

Mr. Bhupinder Singh Hooda, was unanimously elected as the Leader of the Haryana Congress Legislature Party (HCLP) on August 23, 2002 in Chandigarh.

– Hooda elected Haryana CLP leader. *Tribune*. August 24, 2002 : 1, 7.

– Ahuja, Rajesh. Hooda takes charge amid grand show of Congress unity. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 5.

Humpy, Koneru

15-year-old Koneru Humpy of Andhra Pradesh has been selected for the 10th K.K. Birla Foundation Sports Awards for the year 2000-2001. Chess prodigy Koneru Humpy became the youngest woman's grandmaster in 2001 with four world titles.

– Birla award for Bindra, Humpy. *Tribune*. March 19, 2002 : 14.

India's Koneru Humpy became the first ever in the country and the youngest woman in the world to be conferred the prestigious men's Grandmaster title. The presidential board meeting of FIDE met on September 8, 2002 at Kremlin, Moscow found her claim for the title as genuine and conferred the GM norm on her.

– FIDE confers GM norm on Humpy. *Tribune*. September 13, 2002 : 16.

Husain, M.F.

M.F. Husain retains his number one position as India Art Inc's most valuable artist when his "Lightning" was sold for Rs. 2 crore at a Christie's auction. Husain says he made it over 30 years ago and at that time it was worth Rs. 10/-

– The Big Fights : M.F. Husain vs. Tyeb Mehta. *India Today*. December 31, 2002–January 6, 2003 : 130.

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Ibrahim, Anees

Mafia don, Anees Ibrahim and brother of underworld don Dawood Ibrahim has been arrested in Dubai on December 3, 2002. He is an accused in the Bombay serial blast case.

- Anees Ibrahim held in Dubai. *Hindu*. December 10, 2002 : 1, 12.
- Dawood's brother arrested : CBI official rushes to Dubai. *Tribune*. December 10, 2002 : 1.
- Editorial : Abu, and now Anees. *Tribune*. December 10, 2002 : 8.
- Editorial : Anees Ibrahim's arrest. *Hindu*. December 12, 2002 : 10.

Dubai police has released Anees Ibrahim on December 13, on bail 10 days after his arrest, in connection with a murder case.

- Anees freed on bail : Salem's extradition sought. *Tribune*. December 14, 2002 : 1-20.
- Aneja, Atul. 'Deportation procedures sidestepped : Anees Ibrahim whisked away to Pakistan ? *Hindu*. December 15, 2002 : 1.
- Swami, Praveen Anees Ibrahim's arrest. *Frontline*. 19(26) December 21, 2002–January 3, 2003 : 34–35.

Inder Singh

Inder Singh has been appointed as global Chief Information Officer (CIO) by Visa International on June 18, 2002. He will head the IT Management group at Visa International and report to Visa International President and CEO Malcolm Williamson. Inder Singh will be responsible for coordinating IT processes and standards to maintain global service standards for transaction processing and data management besides guiding ongoing strategic initiatives. He brings nearly 25 years of senior management experience in technology and business within the banking industry.

- Inder Singh is CIO of Visa. *Tribune*. June 19, 2002 : 15.

Indira Nath (Prof.)

Medical scientist Indira Nath bags the prestigious UNESCO / L'Oreal award for her work in developing medication and vaccines for leprosy treatment. The award is given annually to honour women scientists on International Women's Day, i.e. March 8. The award carries cash prize of $20,000. Prof. Nath has also won the 'Women in Science' Award this year.

- Indian scientist wins UNESCO award. *The Hindu*. March 9, 2002 : 12.

Irani, Jamshed J. (Dr.)

Former Managing Director of Tata Steel and Chairman of Tata Tele Services, Dr. Jamshed J. Irani shall be honoured with "Lifetime Contribution Award in Engineering" by the New Delhi based Indian National Academy of Engineering. The Award will be presented to him at the Academy's annual function to be held at Hyderabad in December 2002.

– Award for Irani. *Tribune.* July 14, 2002 : 21.

Ittoo, Sakina

Attempt on Sept. 22 on the life of J & K Tourism Minister Sakina Ittoo is the fourth one. She was attacked on Sept. 11 and 15 also. Daughter of the former Speaker of the State Assembly, Wali Mohammad Ittoo, she is seeking re-election from Noorabad. Her home was attacked on Sept. 20 evening. She was on her way home, when militants detonated a powerful explosive device when her cavalcade was passing the Mirhama bridge.

– Fourth bid on J & K Minister's life. *Hindu.* September 22, 2002 : 1.

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile : Illusory target for militants. *Tribune.* October 6, 2002 : 13.

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Jacob, Leno

Leno Jacob, Ernakulam DCC general secretary and Block President of the Party was on August 21 placed under suspension by KPCC President, K. Muraleedharan, for telling the media that Mr. K.V. Thomas, the Tourism Minister, has masterminded a highly defamatory pamphlet against him when he contested the by-poll to the Ernakulam Assembly Constituency.

– Kerala PCC chief suspends Leno Jacob. *Hindu*. August 22, 2002 : 6.

Jadhav, Rani

Rani Jadhav, an IAS officer of 1970 batch of Maharashtra cadre, has been appointed Chairperson of the Mumbai Port Trust.

– New Chairperson for Mumbai Port Trust. *Hindu*. November 7, 2002 : 13.

Jaffri, Ehsan

Mr. Ehsan Jaffri an ex-Congress M.P. was killed by an irate mob when it torched his house at Gulbarg Society in Chamanpura area of Ahmedabad, on March 7, 2002.

– Sharma, Radha, Boy missing from Jaffri's residence. *Times of India*. March 8, 2002 : 11.

– Sucharita, Swati. "The country is my own". *Sunday Times of India*. March 10, 2002 : 4.

– There was no one to save my father : Jaffri's son. *Times of India*. May 2, 2002 : 9.

– Nag, Kingshuk. Ehsan Jaffri did not fire at mob. *Times of India*. June 11, 2002 : 6.

– Jha, Amarendra. Jaffri's wife doesn't want to return. *Times of India*. July 26, 2002 : 13.

Jagat, Gurbachan

One of the most decorated cops, Mr. Gurbachan Jagat, a Punjab cadre IPS officer, retires as Director-General, Border Security Force (BSF), on June 30. He is the perhaps the second police officer from the Punjab cadre to head the BSF, one of the strongest para-military forces of the country having around 3 lakh officials in its ranks.

He is a distinguished officer, who has an unblemished and non-controversial career. He is an introvert. Before his BSF assignment, he served as the Director-General of Police in Jammu and Kashmir for three years and a half. That was the most challenging assignment for him. A professional to the core, Mr. Jagat modernized and motivated the J and K Police.

Born on June 1, 1942, Mr. Jagat joined the IPS in 1966 after doing his MA in English Literature. He served as the district police chief of Kapurthala, Bathinda, Patiala, Amritsar and also as DIG in the CBI, Punjab Intelligence. He also held the position of Additional DGP (Administration) before his selection for the prestigious posting in trouble-torn J and K by the Union Government.

He was honoured with the title of Padmashri in 1987. Besides, he has the President's Police Medal to his credit. He was also honoured as best police officer of the year 2001 by the J and K Government on Independence Day, 2001.

– BSF Chief Jagat retires tomorrow. *Tribune*. June 29, 2002 : 3.

A Punjab cadre IPS officer, Gurbachan Jagat, who retired as D-G of the BSF on June 30, has been appointed as a member of the UPSC. Born on June 1, 1942, Mr. Jagat joined the IPS in 1966 after doing MA in English literature. He served as the district police chief of Kapurthala, Bathinda, Patiala, Amritsar and also as a DIG in the CBI, Punjab Intelligence and on other important posts, including Additional DGP (Administration), before his selection for a prestigious posting in the troubletorn Jammu and Kashmir by the Union Government. One of the most decorated cops and a professional to the core, Mr. Jagat has had an unblemished career as a police officer. He also served as the DGP in Jammu and Kashmir for three and a half years, the most challenging assignment for him. He was awarded Padam Shri in 1987.

– Gurbachan Jagat appointed UPSC member. *Tribune*. August 14, 2002 : 18.

Jagdish Singh

Arjuna awardee wrestler, Jagdish Singh has been arrested by the Punjab police. He was wanted by the police in three cases including smuggling of poppy husk and had been declared proclaimed offender. According to the police the accused had admitted to committing these crimes due to greed for money.

– Arjuna awardee wrestler held. *Tribune*. November 9, 2002 : 6.

Jagir Kaur, Bibi

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on January 28 ''made it clear'' to former SGPC chief Bibi Jagir Kaur that she and her followers should maintain a distance from her decreased daughter's ''husband'', Kanwaljit Singh, and his family. Rejecting the application filed by him seeking the cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to Bibi, Mr Justice M.L. Singhal of the High Court also observed that the directions were necessary so that ''there was no interference with the due course of justice and there was a fair trial of the case''.

– Keep distance from Kanwaljit, Bibi told. *Tribune*. January 29, 2002 : 4.

Arrest warrants have been issued against Bibi Jagir Kaur, former president of the Shiromani Gurudwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) and sitting Shiromani Akali Dal MLA, in a power theft case.

– Digest : Warrant against Jagir Kaur. *Hindu*. November 11, 2002 : 1, 5.

– Arrest of Jagir Kaur, Brahmpura stayed. *Tribune*. November 12, 2002 : 4.

Jagjit Singh

Renowned ghazal singer, Jagjit Singh will be honoured with a fellowship of the Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy by the Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on June 11, 2002. The CM will also confer fellowships, the highest honour of the Academy, on playwright Manu Bhandari, guitarist Brij Bhushan Kabra and folk art connoisseur, Mahendra Bhanawat.

Special promotional award will be given to Satvik Bhatt, a four-year old child prodigy and grandson of Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, who entered the *Limca Book of Records* for his ability to identify 60 ragas and taals.

- SNA honour for Jagjit Singh. *Hindu*. June 11, 2002 : 5.
- Honour for singer Jagjit. *Tribune*. June 11, 2002 : 8.

Jagman, Singh

A close associate of the PPSC Chairman, Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu, Jagman Singh turned a public approver in the case. His judicial remand was extended to May 19 by a Ropar Court. Before becoming a public approver, Jagman had agreed to remain under detention.

- Jagman's judicial remand extended. *Tribune*. May 5, 2002 : 5.

The main agent of PPSC Chairman R.P.S. Sidhu in recruitment scam, Jagman Singh, who has turned approver, had made a confessional statement. A copy of the same was demanded by Jagman's counsel but he had not received it. The counsel requires it to plead his case for bail.

- Jagman's counsel seeks confessional statement. *Tribune*. May 7, 2002 : 5.
- Notice to govt. on Jagman's bail plea. *Tribune*. June 16, 2002 : 5.
- Jagman's wife allowed to meet him in jail. *Tribune*. June 19, 2002 : 6.
- Jagman again denied bail. *Tribune*. June 21, 2002 : 8.
- Notice issued to Punjab on Jagman's bail plea. *Tribune*. June 28, 2002 : 4.
- Jagman Singh applies for bail. *Times of India*. June 28, 2002 : 3.
- Jagman's bail plea rejected again. *Tribune*. July 10, 2002 : 5.
- Bail plea dismissed. *Hindu*. July 20, 2002 : 9.

Jai Gopal (Dr.)

Dr. Jai Gopal, Principal Scientist at the Central Potato Research Institute has been elected fellow of the National Academy of Agriculture Sciences in recognition of his contributions in research on potato. Dr. Gopal is known for his work on the development of single and efficient selection procedures for potato breeding. He has won many awards including the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Award and visiting associateship of Third World Academy of Sciences, Italy.

- Fellowships for 2 potato scientists. *Tribune*. November 18, 2002 : 12.

Jain, J.K.

Punjab Government on February 9, 2002 ordered transfer of Bathinda SSP, Mr. J.K. Jain following the Election Commission's directions in view of the coming State Assembly elections. Election Commission had received several complaints against Mr. Jain for violation of the election code.

– Spotlight : Bathinda SSP shifted on EC order. *Sunday Tribune*. February 10, 2002 : 1.

Jain, J.K.

Proprietor of Jain T.V. Mr. J.K. Jain was granted interim bail by a Delhi court on February 20, 2002, while directing him to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for questioning on February 28, 2002 in connection with alleged FERA violation related to acquiring of the transponder facilities from an American company.

– In brief : Jain T.V. owner gets bail. *Tribune*. February 22, 2002 : 8.

Jain, Mohan Lal

Rajasthan based social worker Mohan Lal Jain, founder of Anuvart Bharati has been awarded the Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Award for 2001. The Award, carrying a cash price of Rs. one lakh and a citation, is given to an individual for outstanding contribution towards the uplift of children.

– Sadhbhavana award. *Tribune*. August 22, 2002 : 7.

Jain, N.K.

Suspended Haryana cadre IAS officer and former Chandigarh Home Secretary, Mr. N.K. Jain, was arrested on December 23, 2002 in Chandigarh. He was wanted in the infamous rape frame up case. He is charged with hatching a conspiracy to frame a local entrepreneur in the alleged rape of a Himachal girl.

– N.K. Jain arrested. *Times of India*. December 24, 2002 : 1.

– IAS officer arrested. *Hindu*. December 25, 2002 : 5.

Jain, Nirmal Kumar

Mr. Nirmal Kumar Jain finally got justice after 24 years of struggle when he was reinstated where he was dismissed from. Mr. Jain was victimised by the management of Cooperative Bank, Damoh for protesting against the emergency implicating him in an embezzlement case and he was dismissed in August 1978. His bank even refused to reinstate him despite his being not found guilty in 1993. The Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission headed by Justice Gulab Gupta ordered the bank not only to reinstate Mr. Jain but also give him the back wages.

– Man gets justice after 24-year-long delay. *Tribune*. December 30, 2002 : 8.

Jain, N.S. (Dr.)

Dr. N.S. Jain, the mastermind behind one of the most sensational crimes of the 70s, passed away on October 5, 2002. He was involved in one of the most infamous crimes of passion that had rocked the capital, in the early seventies. Dr. Jain was involved with his secretary and to eliminate his wife he hired two contract killers. Through this case for the first time the role of contract killers had come to light.

– Vidya Jain murder mastermind dead. *Hindustan Times*. October 8, 2002 : 5.

Jain, P.K.

Mr. P.K. Jain, a Haryana based industrialist has taken over as the new president of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) at its 97th annual session. He was its vice-president before taking over the new office. Mr. Jain is the founder president of the Gurgaon Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

– Briefly : PHDCCI Chief. *Hindu*. December 1, 2002 : 4.

Jain, Sharda

Congress Councillor from Keshav Puram in Delhi, Ms. Sharda Jain was arrested for the alleged abduction and murder of Municipal Corporation of Delhi Councillor Sh. Atma Ram Gupta (51). 31 year old Sharda was reportedly having an affair with Sh. Gupta for several years.

– Councillor held for murder. *Times of India*. August 28, 2002 : 11.

Jaisingh, Hari

The Editor of English daily *The Tribune*, Mr. Hari Jaisingh, was unanimously elected President of the Editors' Guild of India at the annual general meeting of the Guild in New Delhi on June 14, 2002. He succeeded Mr. Mammen Mathew, Editor of the *Malayala Manorama*, Kottayam.

– Hari Jaisingh is President of Editors' Guild. *Tribune*. June 15, 2002 : 1,8.

Editor of *The Tribune*, Mr. Hari Jaisingh will be presented the Ludhiana Management Association's prestigious LMA Dayanand Munjal award for "excellent performance in creating public awareness towards an informed society." The award shall be presented to Mr. Jaisingh at the 24th annual day function of the Ludhiana Management Association (LMA) on September 29, 2002, by the Governor of Uttranchal Mr. S.S. Barnala.

– LMA-Munjal award for Hari Jaisingh. *Tribune*. September 27, 2002 : 1.

Jaitley, Arun

Commenting upon former Union Law Minister Arun Jaitley's contribution as Law Minister, an editorial in the *Tribune* "Arun Jaitley's parting gift' writes: The Union Government notifying the Civil Procedure Code (Amendment) Act, 2002, on Monday (July 1, 2002), fixing a time-limit of one year for the settlement of civil cases, is significant step in judicial reforms as it is expected to help lakhs of litigants in the country… As litigants have been denied justice for decades and even generations people seem to be loosing confidence in the judiciary… notification can be described as Mr. Arun Jaitley's parting gift to the nation. Mr. Jaitley, who resigned as the Union Law Minister on Sunday (June 30, 2002) to take over as the Bhartiya Janata Party's General Secretary and spokesman, tried his best in the last two years to resolve the differences between the Bar associations and the government on various proposals that the Vajpayee government sought to introduce in the CRPC Act.

– Editorial: Arun Jaitley's parting gift. *Tribune*. July 3, 2002 : 8.

BJP General Secretary and former Union Law Minister Arun Jaitley was appointed the representative of the Government of India, on July 22, 2002, to discuss the issue of devolution of powers regarding Jammu and Kashmir. Jaitley's appointment order was issued by the Department of Jammu and Kashmir Affairs of the Home Ministry. The appointment was made on a purely honorary basis.

– Jaitley interlocutor on J&K. *Tribune*. July 24, 2002 : 1.

– Jaitley begins talks with J&K representative. *Hindu*. July 26, 2002 : 1.

Jaitley, Jaya

Ms. Jaya Jaitley files a defamation case against the news portal 'Tehelka' and its MD Tarun Tejpal for carrying an article on February 26 allegedly defaming her.

– Jaya Jaitley defamation case. *Hindu*. March 2, 2002 : 13.

Former president of Samata Party, Jaya Jaitley, at the Justice K. Venkataswami Commission hearing maintained that the Tehelkas sting operation was an unholy conspiracy to dislodge George Fernandes. She added, "To say that I am the second defence minister is extremely sad and unholy".

– I did not discuss any defence product : Jaitley. *Hindu*. June 27, 2002 : 13.

– Jaitley's claim : Can't recollect meeting Tehelka. *Times of India*. June 28, 2002 : 9.

Samata Party leader, Jaya Jaitley's criminal defamation suit against website Tehlka.com and its Editor, Tarun Tejpal was dismissed by a Delhi court on December 3, 2002.

– Jaitley's petition against Tehelka dismissed. *Hindu*. December 4, 2002 : 12.

Jalan, Bimal (Dr.)

RBI Governor, Bimal Jalan, has been given two-year extension to continue in that position.

– Jalan gets extension. *Times of India*. June 28, 2002 : 17.

– Extension for Jalan? *Hindu*. June 28, 2002 : 1.

The Reserve Bank of India Governor, Dr. Bimal Jalan has been given a two-year extension. He has been reappointed as the Governor for a further period of two years from November 22, 2002, as per the notification issued by the Economic Affairs Department of the Union Ministry of Finance dated July 10, 2002. Dr. Jalan completes his current five-year term in November 2002.

– Asian Growth rate will increase: Jalan. *Hindu.* July 9, 2002 : 12.

– Jalan gets 2-year extension. *Hindu.* July 11, 2002 : 11.

– In the news : Bimal Jalan at RBI for continuity in reforms. *Tribune.* July 11, 2002 : 10.

James, J.M. (Justice)

Justice J.M. James of Kerala High Court allegedly assaulted a motorcyclist for not allowing his car to overtake his two wheeler on a busy road in Kochi (Kerala). This incident has snowballed into a controversy. The All India Lawyers Union urged the Chief Justice of Kerala High Court to take ''examplory action'' against the Judge.

– Judge 'beats' up youth. *Tribune.* December 5, 2002 : 12.

Jarnail Singh (Dr.)

Dr. Jarnail Singh, a non-resident Indian doctor based in Britain was suspended for six-months by Britain's General Medical Council on October 15, 2002. He was found guilty of encouraging a man he had never met to take part in his human organs trade. His registration was suspended for six-months. Jarnail Singh, however, denied all charges.

– NRI doctor's registration suspended. *Hindu.* October 16, 2002 : 12.

Jasraj (Pandit)

Renowned Hindustani vocalist Pandit Jasraj and acclaimed Sitar Player Sudhir Phadke have been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Award for their contribution to the world of music.

– In brief : Saraswati Award for Pandit Jasraj. *Tribune.* March 10, 2002 : 9.

Padma Vibhushan Pandit Jasraj, noted music director Sudhir Phadke and computer wizard Vijay Bhatkar were presented the prestigious "Saraswati Awards", for their contribution in the field of music and social service at a function in Nasik on March 16.

– In brief : Pandit Jasraj gets Saraswati award. *Tribune.* March 18, 2002 : 8.

Jatti, B.D.

Former Vice-President of India, B.D. Jatti (92) passed away in Bangalore on June 7, 2002, following a brief illness. During his five decades of public life, Jatti remained Governor of Orissa and Pondicherry besides Chief Minister of Karnataka. He is survived by three sons and a daughter.

– Ex-Vice President Jatti dead. *Tribune.* June 8, 2002 : 10.

– Ex-Vice President Jatti dead. *Times of India.* June 8, 2002 : 9.

– Jatti's death condoled. *Tribune.* June 9, 2002 : 9.

Jayalalitha, J.

On Jayalalithaa's winning Assembly by-election from Andipatti, an editorial in the *Tribune* writes : ''AIADMK Supremo J. Jayalalithaa's triumph in the

Andipatti Assembly by-election is bound to prove her opponents, especially DMK president K. Karunanidhi wrong. Her victory with a comfortable margin bears an eloquent testimony to the trust, support and confidence she enjoys among the backward classes of the State who fondly call her "Amma" (Mother).

– Editorial : The return of Amma. *Tribune*. February 26, 2002 : 8.

Ms. J. Jayalalitha was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on March 2, 2002. The Andipatti by-election victory enabled her to return to power after a break of five months. The Governor, Mr. P.S. Ramamohan Rao administered her the oath of office and secrecy at the Madras University Centenary Hall.

– Jaya back as CM. *Tribune*. March 3, 2002 : 24.

One of the diehard fans of AIADMK leader, Ms. J. Jayalalitha, Raja, cut off his tongue and offered it to Lord Venkateswara, the presiding deity at Tirumala Shrine. Raja had vowed that he would visit Tirumala and offer his tongue to deity if Ms. Jayalalitha was elected to the State Assembly and became Chief Minister once again.

– In brief : AIADMK man cuts off tongue. *Tribune*. March 9, 2002 : 8.

– In brief : AIADMK activist regains speech. *Tribune*. March 22, 2002 : 8.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED), which conducted investigations into the receipt of $3 lakh as gift by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Jayalalitha, in 1991, has closed the case for want of evidence that the amount was routed through 'havala' transaction.

– FERA case against Jaya closed. *Tribune.* June 8, 2002 : 10.

– ED closes probe against Jayalalitha. *Hindu.* June 9, 2002 : 12.

The faculty and students of Veenus Vidyalaya in a remote village of Tamil Nadu's Salem district, presented a 7.2 km. long congratulatory greeting to the Chief Minister J. Jayalalitha on her returning to power. The unique gift weighing 182 kg. was presented to Jayalalitha in Chennai on June 22, 2002.

– 7 km. long greeting for Jayalalitha. *Tribune.* June 23, 2002 : 10.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister J. Jayalalitha took strong objection to the Centre for not sending her an invitation for the swearing-in ceremony of the President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

– It is an insult: Jayalalitha. *Hindu.* July 27, 2002 : 1.

– Invitation only on request: Centre. *Hindu.* July 27, 2002 : 1.

– Jaya sore with government for not being invited. *Tribune.* July 27, 2002 : 8.

– Advani expresses 'regret' to Jayalalithaa. *Hindu.* July 29, 2002 : 1.

– Editorial : Changing the protocol. *Tribune.* July 30, 2002 : 8.

Tamil Nadu CM J. Jayalalitha had declared that Ms Sonia Gandhi, with her foreign origin, was not acceptable to nation as Prime Minister. She asserted in

Chennai on August 31, that she had never backed the Congress President to head a government at the Centre. She called the claim of Congress malicious and misleading that she had in her letter to the then President backed Ms Gandhi as prime ministerial candidate.

- Jaya : I never backed Sonia for PM post. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 8.

The 'TANSI case' involving Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Jayalalitha, took a new turn on September 19, 2002 when her counsel Mr. K.K. Venugopal submitted in the Supreme Court that Ms. Jayalalithaa was willing to surrender the property to the Government even tomorrow.

- Digest : New turn to TANSI case. *Hindu*. September 20, 2002 : 1, 13.

The advocate of TN CM, J. Jayalalitha, told the Supreme Court that there was no dishonesty, illegality or corrupt means in the purchase of TANSI properties by his client.

- No dishonesty in TANSI deal, council tells SC. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 9.
- Sasikalaa files memo in SC to surrender TANSI property. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 9.

Jayendra Saraswati

With a view to end Ayodhya impasse, the Shankaracharya of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam Sri Jayendra Saraswati met the Prime Minister Vajpayee on March 4, 2002 and again on March 5, 2002. He earlier had discussions with the VHP top brass and other Hindu religious leaders.

- Kanchi seer's formula on temple accepted. *Tribune*. March 6, 2002 : 1, 18.
- Editorial : Seer shows the way. *Tribune*. March 7, 2002 : 8.

Kanchi Shankaracharya Sri Jayendra Saraswati said on March 7, 2002 in Ahmedabad that the VHP has no role to play in the on going process for resolution of Ayodhya dispute. He said, "Do not believe the Vishva Hindu Parishad's announcements. The real people who matter in this issue are those who belong to the Ramjanambhoomi Nyas."

- VHP has no role : Shankaracharya. *Tribune*. March 8, 2002 : 8.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile : Truly a sage, a man of learning. *Tribune*. March 10, 2002 : 11.

Jethmalani, Ram

The Kashmir Committee led by the former Union Law Minister Ram Jethmalani has favoured the post-ponement of the forthcoming Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir to facilitate the participation of more Kashmiri groups in the democratic process. Jethmalani said many Kashmiri groups had promised conditional participation in the elections.

- Kashmir panel for poll post-ponement. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 1.

Jethmalani's meeting with Peoples' Democratic Freedom Party leader Shabir Shah had also been constructive. He however, regretted Hurriyat's stand but added the conglomerates' willingness to continue the talk was a positive sign.

– Jathmalani still waiting for Hurriyat. *Times of India*. August 19, 2002 : 1.

– J & K poll on schedule, Centre, EC rule out postponement. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 1.

– Kashmir panel draws flak from BJP. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 8.

Launching a scathing attack on Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani for refusing to meet separatist leader Shabir Shah, Kashmir Committee Chairman Ram Jethmalani said on September 1 that it was a move that had the potential of derailing the peace process. Shah on that day in New Delhi also said that hawks in the Central Government had sabotaged a serious effort to resolve the Kashmir issue.

– Jethmalani blames Advani. *Times of India*. September 2, 2002 : 1.

Noted legal luminaries, Mr. Ram Jethmalani and Shanti Bhushan will fight 'free of cost' the cases of Mohammed Afzal, Shaukat Hussain Guru and Delhi University lecturer, Mr. S.A.R. Geelani, who are facing death sentence for the December 13, 2001 terrorist attack on Parliament House.

– Jethmalani to fight case of Dec. 13 convicts. *Sunday Tribune*. December 29, 2002 : 12.

Jha, Sriram

The top seed Sriram Jha staved off Rahul Shetty's challenge to force a 25-1 move drawn in the decisive 13th round and claimed the Rajiv Gandhi title at the Russian Centre in New Delhi on Sept. 17. The result gave Jha a winning tally of 9.5 points and Rs. 7500. Shetty finished runner-up with 9 points and received Rs. 5000/-.

– Sriram claims title. *Hindu*. September 18, 2002 : 20.

Jhunjhunwala, Ashok (Prof.)

Renowned Telecom and IT expert Mr. Ashok Jhunjhunwala along with Biomedical research scholar Dr. M.S. Valiathan have been declared winners of the prestigious H.K. Firodia Awards for Science and Technology 2002. Jhunjhunwala will be honoured for his pioneering efforts in the field of informatics, telematics and automation. Prof. Jhunjhunwala, a professor and head of the electrical engineering department at IIT Chennai is known for product development in telecommunications and computer networks (Te NeT). Former President Mr. R. Venktaraman will present the awards on October 8, 2002.

– Firodia award for Valiathan, Jhunjhunwala. *Times of India*. September 30, 2002 : 14.

Jogi, Ajit

Chief Minister of Chattisgarh Ajit Jogi, the chief secretary and other officials of the irrigation department in the state have been issued show cause notices by the Lokayukta of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh over the alleged irregularities in the contract for the Hansdeo canal project at Kharasia in Raigarh district.

– Mishra, Law Kumar. Lokayukta questions Jogi on canal project. *Times of India*. June 15, 2002 : 11.

Joginder Singh

Olympian Joginder Singh (63), one of the finest right wingers the country has ever produced died in Kolkata on Nov. 6, 2002 following a protracted illness. Singh was a member of the silver medal winning Indian hockey team at Rome Olympics in 1960 and the 1962 Asian Games at Jakarta. He was also part of the gold medal winning team of 1964 at the Tokyo Olympics.

– Joginder Singh dead. *Hindu*. November 7, 2002 : 19.

Jois, M. Rama (Justice)

Former Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Mr. M. Rama Jois was appointed Governor of Jharkhand on July 6, 2002. A Vishwa Hindu Parishad legal advisor, Mr. Jois is a retired Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court. Since his retirement he has been associated with the Ayodhya "movement" and is known to be in charge of the marshalling of legal resources on behalf of the Ramjanambhoomi Nyas.

– Spotlight: Jharkhand governor. *Tribune*. July 7, 2002 : 1.

– VHP lawyer appointed Jharkhand Governor. *Hindu*. July 7, 2002 : 1.

– Jois to take oath on July 15, 2002. *Hindu*. July 9, 2002 : 9.

Joshi, Chand Kaur

Chand Kaur Joshi, a noted Rajasthani writer has been selected for 2002 Sahitya Pratibha Award for her collection of stories "*To Bhee Tang Upar Hai*". The award is named after the doyen of Rajasthani literature Nariha Singh Rajpurohit.

– Sahitya Pratibha Award for Joshi. *Tribune*. April 21, 2002 : 9.

Joshi, Manohar Gajanan

Shiv Sena leader and Union Minister for Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises, Manohar Joshi took over as the Speaker of 13th Lok Sabha at the Parliament House in New Delhi on May 10, 2002. The 62-year old, Joshi is the first Shiv Sena leader to become the Speaker and the fifth person to be elected Speaker in the mid session and the second in the 13th Lok Sabha following the death of G.M.C. Balayogi in a helicopter crash on March 3, 2002. He was elected unopposed.

Neena Vyas writes in her article in *Hindu* dated May 9, 2002 : "... for the Sena the position of Speaker means further legitimacy, the chance to "preside over" the largest democracy in the world".

– Vyas, Neena. Manohar Joshi to be Speaker. *Hindu*. May 9, 2002 : 1.

In his article in the *Hindu* dated May 10, 2002, Javed M. Ansari writes: "Though the Opposition parties have chosen not to put up a candidate against Mr. Joshi, they have also chosen to distance themselves from his election. The Congress said it had chosen to stay away because it had "no effective say in Mr. Joshi's election."

– Ansari, Javed M. Manohar Joshi all set to be Speaker. *Hindu.* May 10, 2002 : 1.

– Left parties assail nomination. *Hindu.* May 10, 2002 : 1.

– There will be no remote control: Joshi. *Hindu.* May 11, 2002 : 1.

Referring to the Opposition's mood over Joshi's nomination for Speakership of Lok Sabha an editorial in the *Hindu* dated May 13, 2002 writes: "Sticking out of the formal 'unanimity' however was a pervasive sense of disquiet and worry over the serious implications of the nation's highest popularly elected legislative body being stewarded by one whose political and ideological upbringing is totally alien to such liberal conceptions such as democracy, composite culture and secularism… What did final expression was the lurking "fear" of Mr. Joshi being remote-controlled by the Shiv Sena Supremo Bal Thackeray". Editorial further adds that "Mr. Joshi's non-partisanship, even-handedness and impartiality will be on test…

– Editorial: The challenge before Mr. Joshi. *Hindu.* May 13, 2002 : 10.

A parliamentary delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Manohar Joshi left on Sept. 23 for Geneva a attend a three day special session of Inter-Parliamentary Council beginning on Sept. 25. The meeting would deliberate on ''Financing for Development''.

– LS Speaker leaves for Geneva. *Tribune*. September 25, 2002 : 8.

Joshi, Murali Manohar (Dr.)

Minister for Human Resource Development and Science and Technology Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi will address the first Commonwealth Science Council Ministerial gathering in Limpopo, Province of South Africa, beginning from June 10, 2002.

Joshi will speak on "Indian science and technology leadership – its vision for South-South technology exchange and socio-economic development." The three-day conference will be attended by science and technology ministers from 15 Commonwealth countries.

– Joshi to address Commonwealth conference. *Tribune.* June 10, 2002 : 8.

Mongolia will confer "Friendship Medal" on Dr. Murali Manohar Joshi during his five-day visit to Mongolia beginning July 7, 2002. He will be the first Indian to receive this honour from Mongolia.

– Mongolia to honour Joshi. *Hindu.* July 7, 2002 : 9.

Human Resource Minister Mr. M.M. Joshi was conferred on July 11, 2002 the Friendship Medal – the top Mongolian honour – by the country's President, N. Bagabandi, at a special ceremony in Ulan Bator, on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Chengis Khan. Dr. Joshi was conferred this award in recognition of his contribution towards promoting and strengthening age-old ties, friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

– Mongolian honour for M.M. Joshi. *Hindu.* July 12, 2002 : 12.

Jugran, Dinesh Chandra

Dinesh Chandra Jugran, an IPS officer of the 1966 batch, has been appointed as the new Director-General of Police in Madhya Pradesh. He succeeded A.N. Singh who relinquished office upon superannuation.

– Briefly: DGP appointed. *Hindu.* July 26, 2002 : 3.

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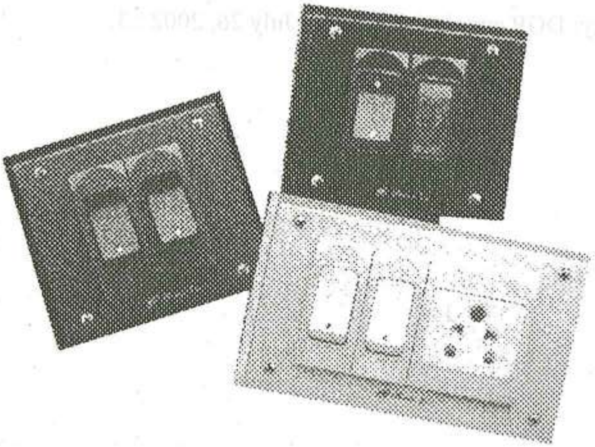

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Kabra, Brij Bhushan

Renowned ghazal singer, Jagjit Singh will be honoured with a fellowship of the Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy by the Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on June 11, 2002. The CM will also confer fellowships, the highest honour of the Academy, on playwright Manu Bhandari, guitarist Brij Bhushan Kabra and folk art connoisseur, Mahendra Bhanawat.

Special promotional award will be given to Satvik Bhatt, a four-year old child prodigy and grandson of Vishwa Mohan Bhatt, who entered the Limca Book of Records for his ability to identify 60 ragas and taals.

- SNA honour for Jagjit Singh. *Hindu.* June 11, 2002 : 5.
- Honour for singer Jagjit. *Tribune.* June 11, 2002 : 8.

Kahlon, Kiranjit Singh (Dr.)

Dr. Kiranjit Singh Kahlon, a senior lecturer at the Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology, Sangrur has been awarded the Best Engineering College Teacher Award 2001 for Punjab State at a function held in Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology, Bhubaneshwar, Orissa. Dr. Kahlon has already received the award of Senior Research Fellow by the CSIR, New Delhi and is among the 2000 outstanding scientists of the 21st century according to the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge.

- Regional potpourri : Lecturer honoured. *Tribune.* February 7, 2002 : 6.

Kahlon, Nirmal

Senior Akali leader and former Rural and Panchayat Development Minister, Nirmal Singh Kahlon's palatial house in the posh Basant Avenue of Amritsar was raided on June 16, 2002 by the sleuths of Vigilance Bureau.

A case has been registered against Kahlon in connection with a scam pertaining to the recruitment of tax clerks, patwaris, peons, mukhya sevikas and panchayat secretaries.

- Nirmal Kahlon's houses raided. *Tribune.* June 17, 2002 : 1.
- Vigilance raid on Kahlon's residence. *Times of India.* June 17, 2002 : 1.
- Jain, Shashi Pal. Kahlon booked in recruitment scam. *Tribune.* June 17, 2002 : 5.
- Notice issued to AG on Kahlon's bail plea. *Tribune.* June 18, 2002 : 4.
- I have not run away, says Kahlon. *Tribune.* June 18, 2002 : 6.
- Anticipatory bail for Kahlon. *Tribune.* June 29, 2002 : 4.
- Kahlon gets bail. *Times of India.* June 29, 2002 : 7.

The Vigilance Bureau of Punjab on September 19, 2002 presented a challan against former Punjab Rural Development and Panchayat Minister Nirmal Singh Kahlon, in a criminal and corruption case registered against him and others. The case is registered vide FIR No. 13 under various sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

– Challan presented against ex-minister. *Tribune*. September 20, 2002 : 5.

Kaif, Mohammad

Mohammad Kaif, cricketer from Allahabad electrified almost a billion of his countrymen with his spectacular batting performance. Kaif came into bat at 146 for 5, with India needing 180 more runs in 156 balls to win the Natwest Trophy. India successfully chased the English total of 326 to win with Kaif unbeaten on 87 off 75 balls. In the next match, against Zimbabwe, Kaif came in at 87 for five and ended up scoring 111 of 112 balls. India won.

– From Allahabad with Attitude. *India Today*. July 23–29, 2002 : 41.

– Ugra, Sharda. India's new heros. *India Today*. July 23–29, 2002 : 38–43.

– Ali, Qaiser. Mohammad Kaif – a masterful stroke-maker. *Tribune*. August 3, 2002 : 18.

Kajol

Noted actress, 'Kajol' was adjudged the best actress for her performance in the 2001 blockbuster ''Kabhi Khushi Khabi Gham'' at the Eighth Annual Screen Awards in Mumbai.

– 'Lagaan' 'DCH' sweep Screen awards. *Tribune*. January 20, 2002 : 8.

Kamal Nath

The Supreme Court on March 15 imposed on "exemplary damage" of Rs. 10 lakh on Span Motels Pvt. Ltd., a resort owned by senior Congress leader and former Union Environment Minister Kamal Nath's family, for construction on Kullu-Manali road on the banks of the Beas river in Himachal Pradesh, damaging the environment.

– Kamal Nath fined Rs. 10 lakh for diverting river. *Times of India*. March 16, 2002 : 1.

Kala Singh

Former Chief Minister of Punjab, S. Parkash Singh Badal's cook Kala Singh is facing difficult times as the State's Vigilance Department has registered a case against his son Mr. Amardeep Singh for using influence to get selected as DSP. Kala Singh was working as a cook at the official residence of Mr. Badal, when he was the Chief Minister. There are allegations of serious nature that the question papers of the examination were delivered to the candidate at the official residence of the former Chief Minister Mr. Badal.

– Badal may face music : Cook's son in Vigilance net. *Tribune*. September 17, 2002 : 5.

Kalsia, R.L.

Mr. R.L. Kalsia, IAS, has been appointed Managing Director of the Punjab Tourism Development Corporation. He has earlier served as Commissioner, Ludhiana Municipal Corporation and Deputy Commissioner, Fatehgarh Sahib.

– Kalsia Punjab Tourism MD. *Sunday Tribune*. September 29, 2002 : 4.

Kalwani, Govind

Deputy Registrar of the Rajasthan High Court, Mr. Gobind Kalwani, was suspended by the Court administration on October 31, 2002 on the charge of seeking sexual favours for himself and a couple of judges from a woman litigant. The sex scandal caused strong ripples in Rajasthan. Anti-Corruption Bureau of the state formally registered a case against Mr. Kalwani.

– In Brief : HC Dy-Registrar suspended. *Tribune*. November 2, 2002 : 8.

– HC official suspended in sex scandal. *Hindu*. November 2, 2002 : 11.

– Sex scandal case. *Hindu*. November 11, 2002 : 3.

Kamla

Kamla, India's first eunuch to hold a public post of Mayor of Katni in Madhya Pradesh filed an appeal in Madhya Pradesh High Court on September 9, 2002, challenging the order of a local court in Katni, which annulled her election on the ground that she was not a female.

– Clippings : Eunuch Mayor : *Hindustan Times*. September 10, 2002 : 9.

Kang, Amarjit Singh (Dr.)

Professor of Punjabi at Kurukshetra University, Dr. Amarjit Singh Kang is accused of tampering with answer sheets of candidates appearing for various examinations conducted by the Punjab Public Service Commission. While allowing stay on his arrest till September 19, 2002 the court has directed Dr. Kang to join investigations in the case.

– Examiner's arrest stayed. *Tribune*. September 13, 2002 : 3.

Kang, Kiranbir Singh

Anticipatory bail application of Mr. Kiranbir Singh Kang, a Senior Youth Akali leader of Shiromani Akali Dal was dismissed on September 26, 2002. Mr. Kang is facing non-bailable arrest warrants in connection with the murder of two Dalit children at Sian village, near Kharar on June 22, 2002.

– Sian murder : Kang denied bail. *Tribune*. September 27, 2002 : 3.

Kang, Manjinder Singh

Former Chairman of the Punjab Forest Corporation, Mr. Manjinder Singh Kang, was on October 3, 2002 remanded in judicial custody till October 17, 2002. Kang, a relative of Akali leader and former CM Parkash Singh Badal, was arrested by the State Vigilance Bureau on charges of corruption on September 28, 2002.

– Akali leader in judicial custody. *Tribune*. October 4, 2002 : 16.

– Kang confesses to selling wood. *Tribune*. September 30, 2002 : 12.

Kanpuri, Gauhar

Noted lyricist Gauhar Kanpuri, reckoned for film hits like *"Jalta Hai Jiya Mera"* (*"Zakhmi"*) and *"Ae Mere Humsafar"* (*"Baazigar"*) died in Mumbai on June 29, 2002 following a prolonged illness. He was 70 and was suffering from kidney infection. Kanpuri began his career in films in 1972 and penned lyrics for 125 films including *"Sawan Ko Aane Do"*, *"Balwan"*, *"Hero Hindustani"* and *"Lal Badshah"*.

– In Brief: Lyricist Gauhar Kanpuri dead. *Sunday Tribune*. July 7, 2002 : 10.

Kansal, Tek Chand

Tek Chand Kansal, a renowned freedom fighter belonging to Rampura Phool town of Bathinda district died on September 18, 2002 at Chandigarh. Kansal, 75, had taken active part in the Jaito Morcha, the Parja Mandal Movement and the Faridkot Morcha.

– Vetaran freedom fighter dies. *Times of India*. September 19, 2002 : 6.

Kanwaljit Singh (Dr.)

Ms. Anita Tamarkar, a lecturer in the Dept. of Physical Education of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, who has accused her Ph.D. supervisor Dr. Kanwaljit Singh of sexual harassment, has requested the University for the cancellation of her Ph.D. registration. She has accused Dr. Singh of manipulation and for spreading baseless information against her. She says that there is a lot of pressure on her to withdraw complaint of sexual harassment against her guide.

– Scholar accused guide of manipulation. *Tribune*. March 24, 2002 : 5.

Prof. Kanwaljit Singh of the Dept. of Physical Education of GND University, Amritsar is facing the allegations of sexual harassment by Ms. Anita Tamarkar, a lecturer in that department and a Ph.D. scholar under the supervision of Dr. Kanwaljit Singh. University has instituted an enquiry into these allegations. The victim states that she is receiving threats on telephone and is being pressurized to withdraw her complaint.

– Senior GND University officials shielding Kanwaljit Singh. *Tribune*. March 29, 2002 : 3.

Kao, Rameshwar Nath

Founder and first Chief of India's premier foreign counter intelligence agency, Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), Rameshwar Nath Kao (84) passed away in New Delhi on January 20, 2002. Ramji, as he was called, is credited for the creation of Bangladesh. Kao became the Secretary (Research) in the Cabinet Secretariat right from the day RAW was formed on September 21, 1968. He had joined the Indian Police in 1940 and the Intelligence Bureau in 1947.

– RAW Founder Chief R.N. Kao dead. *Tribune*. January 21, 2002 : 8.

- Obituary. *India Today*. January 29-Feb.4, 2002 : 13.
- Bhushan, Ranjit. Appraisal : Tinker, Tailer, Soldier, Spy. *Outlook*. January 29–February 4, 2002 : 19.

Kapadia, Bankim

CBI made a series of raids and searches at houses and offices of the Director of the Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) Mr. Bankim Kapadia for alleged possession of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. A case has been registered against the accused.

- Film Festival Director's house raided. *Tribune*. February 2, 2002 : 8.

Kapil Dev

Former Cricket captain and all-rounder Kapil Dev announced on January 18, 2002 that he would donate his eyes to the National Association for Blind. He made this announcement at a function in Mumbai.

- In brief : Kapil to donate eyes to NAB. *Tribune*. January 19, 2002 : 19.

India's greatest all-rounder, Kapil Dev won the Electrolux Kelvinator Wisden Indian Cricketer of the Century award in London on July 23, 2002. Kapil was India's ace strike bowler for almost 15 years with a record Test -wicket haul of 434 wickets.

- Kapil Dev took Indian cricket to its pinnacle. *Tribune*. July 25, 2002 : 16.
- Wisden selection hailed. *Tribune*. July 25, 2002 : 16.
- Kapil ready to embrace cricket again. *Tribune*. July 25, 2002 : 16.
- Kapil declared Indian cricketer of century. *Times of India*. July 25, 2002 : 17.
- Interview: 'God is great, my faith has been restored'. *Times of India*. July 25, 2002 : 17.
- Sports Digest : Dalmiya hails Kapil's selection. *Times of India*. July 25, 2002 : 17.
- Kapil da jawab nahin. (Editorial). *Times of India*. July 25, 2002 : 14.
- Steve Waugh hails Kapil's selection. *Tribune*. July 26, 2002 : 18.

India's cricketing all-rounder Kapil Dev has been conferred the Wisden's greatest Indian Cricketer of the Century Award. The English weekly *Outlook* describes Kapil Dev as THE GREATEST on its cover page of its July 30–August 5, 2002 issue.

- Joseph, Manu. Dev Devil ... Divinity. *Outlook*. July 30–August 5, 2002 : 52, 57.

Kapil Dev got hurt during an exhibition match at the Chandigarh Golf Association course where he had come to inaugurate a nine hole pitch and putt course on Aug. 6, 2002.

- Kapil hurt by golf ball. *Times of India*. Aug. 7, 2002 : 1.

Former all-rounder Kapil Dev is adjudged Wisden's Indian Cricketer of the century.

– Dinakar S. The genuine article. *Frontline*. Vol. 19, No. 16, August 3-16, 2002 : 122.

Kinetic Engineering has signed Indian Cricketer Kapil Dev as its brand ambassador. Kapil will lend his name and face to all kinetic products. The contract in for two years and will include advertising, events and roadshows.

– Monitor : Kapil Dev, brand ambassador to Kinetic. *Hindu* September 7, 2002 : 16.

Cricketing legend, Kapil Dev, the brand ambassador of Kinetic Engineering, on September 6, 2002 launched ''Boss'', the company's latest offering in the motorcycles segment, in Pune.

– Round-up : Kapil Dev launches Kinetic ''Boss''. *Tribune*. September 7, 2002 : 15.

Kapildeo Singh

Former Bihar Minister and Secretary-General of the Samajwadi Party, Mr. Kapildeo Singh died of a cardiac arrest in New Delhi on October 2, 2002. He had come to Delhi for a routine medical check-up.

– Spotlight : SP Secy-Gen. dead. *Tribune*. October 3, 2002 : 1.

Kapoor, Anup

Mr. Anup Kapoor (19) a student of the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET), Lucknow committed suicide on September 12, 2002 after he was stripped and paraded in the college for two hours during ragging by seniors. Unable to bear the humilions, he committed suicide by hanging himself from a ceiling fan.

– In Brief : Student ends life after ragging. *Tribune*. September 14, 2002 : 9.

Kapoor, Karisma

Leading actress Karisma Kapoor will be honoured with the Smita Patil Memorial Award at a function in Mumbai on September 19, 2002. The award would be presented by Deputy Prime Minister, Shri L.K. Advani. The award has been instituted by a socio-cultural organisation, Priyadarshni Academy.

– Spotlight : Smita Patil memorial award for Karisma. *Tribune*. September 4, 2002 : 1.

Kapoor Mahendra

Famous playback singer, Mr. Mahendra Kapoor, was conferred prestigious Lata Mangeshkar Award on February 10, 2002 at Indore. The award has been instituted by the Madhya Pradesh government and carries a cash prize of Rs. one lakh and a citation.

– Mahendra Kapoor gets Lata Award. *Tribune*. February 11, 2002 : 16.

Kapoor, Pawan

Pawan Kapoor of CITCO has got an invitation from the ITF to play in its future tennis tournaments to be held in the USA.

Pawan Kapoor, the first and only player from this region to get elite ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) ranking will be playing in the USA for a month. The tournaments, which will start from June 30, will be played in different parts of the USA. Pawan Kapoor, an employee of CITCO, left for the USA on June 27. His participation in this prestigious tournament, in which players from over 40 countries will be playing, will give him extensive international exposure.

– Pawan Kapoor to play in USA. *Tribune.* June 28, 2002 : 19.

Kapoor, Vijay (Lt. Governor)

The Congress Legislative Party (CLP) demanded that Delhi's Lieutenant Governor, Vijay Kapoor, immediately withdraw the office order relating to a power theft case against the Congress MLA, Jaspal Singh, and subsequent registration of a police case by the Crime Branch. CLP termed in a resolution the order as malafide and unprecedented. CLP also condemned his remarks on the norms regarding the work and functioning of elected representatives.

– Kapoor move ruffles Cong. *Hindu.* June 27, 2002 : 4.

– MLAs gun for L-G's scalp. *Hindu.* June 27, 2002 : 4.

Kapur, M.S.

Mr. M.S. Kapur is the new Chairman and Managing Director of Vijaya Bank. He was earlier officiating as chairman and managing director of the Syndicate Bank. He started his career in Punjab and Sind Bank in 1969 and has served the banking industry in various capacities for the past 33 years.

– Kapur, CMD of Vijaya Bank. *Hindu.* September 3, 2002 : 18.

Karanth, B.V. (Dr.)

Renowned theatre personality, B.V. Karanth died at a private nursing home in Bangalore on September 1 after battling with cancer for nearly three years. He was 73.

– B.V. Karanth dead. *Tribune.* September 2, 2002 : 1.

– Digest : B.V. Karanth dead. *Hindu.* September 2, 2002 : 1.

– Rao, K.N. Venkatasubba. Leading light of Kannada theatre fades out. *Hindu.* September 2, 2002 : 6.

Karan Singh (Dr.)

Rajya Sabha member, Karan Singh has been appointed the new Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. He has been nominated by the President Mr. K.R. Narayanan and will hold the office for five years.

– New Chancellor of JNU. *Hindu.* March 5, 2002 : 5.

Karn, Ashok

Ashok Karn photo journalist of the *Hindustan Times* was kidnapped near Nalanda in Bihar on December 27. He had gone to Bela village, about 135 kms from Patna on an assignment.

– In brief : Photo scribe kidnapped. *Tribune*. December 28, 2002 : 8.

The *Hindustan Times*, Photographer Mr. Ashok Karn (Ranchi-based) was released on December 28, 2002 by his abductors at a village in Nalanda district of Bihar.

– Spotlight : Scribe freed. *Sunday Tribune*. December 29, 2002 : 1.

Karnik, Shashikant (Dr.)

Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths on July 6, 2002 searched the residence of Dr. Shashikant Karnik, a former Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) Chairman in connection with the government recruitment scam. Dr. Karnik, a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is also former Vice-Chancellor of Mumbai University. He has been directed by a local Mumbai court to appear before the Anti-Corruption Bureau office at Worli in connection with the recruitment scam.

– MPSC ex-Chief's house searched. *Tribune*. July 7, 2002 : 10.

– MPSC ex-Chief questioned. *The Times of India*. July 8, 2002 : 7.

– Raval Sheela. Job market. *India Today*. July 9-15, 2002 : 7.

– ACB grills Karnik for third day. *Hindu*. July 12, 2002 : 5.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) sleuths of the Maharashtra Police arrested the former MPSC chairman, Shashikant D. Karnik on the charges of "conspiracy" in the answer paper scam, on July 14, 2002 in Mumabi.

– Ex-MPSC Chief held. *Hindu*. July 15, 2002 : 1.

– MPSC scam: more arrests likely. *Hindu*. July 15, 2002 : 13.

– Swami, Praveen. The latest recuit. *Frontline*. 19(16) August 3-16, 2002 : 41, 42.

Mr. S.K. Karnik was granted bail by the Bombay High Court on November 1, 2002. He has been asked to furnish a surety of Rs. 25000/- and directed, not to leave Mumbai without the Court's permission.

– In Brief : MPSC Ex-chairman granted bail. *Tribune*. November 2, 2002 : 8.

Kasturirangan, K. (Dr.)

The Chairman of the Space Commission and Indian Space Research Organisation, K. Kasturirangan has been selected for the G.M. Modi Innovative Science and Technology Award for 2002. Dr. Kasturirangan is being awarded for his contribution in the field of Space Technology. The award will be presented by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development on August 9, 2002 in New Delhi and carries a cash prize of Rs.1.01 lakh.

- Briefly : G.M. Modi Awards. *Hindu.* July 23, 2002 : 4.

Katara, Nitish

Nitish Katara, an executive working with a Delhi based MNC, was abducted and subsequently found killed. Son of a senior IAS officer Nitish was having an affair with the daughter of a UP don and Rajya Sabha member D.P. Yadav. Nitish Katara and Bharati Yadav were batch mates at Ghaziabad's Institute of Management Technology (IMT) PG programme 98-00 batch. Bharati Yadav's brother Vikas and Cousin Vishal have been arrested in connection with the murder of Nitish.

- Son of Senior official abducted. *Times of India.* February 20, 2002 : 8.
- Vikas Yadav fails to turn up in court. *Times of India.* February 21, 2002 : 8.
- Vikas Yadav abducted MNC executive. *Times of India.* Feb. 21, 2002 : 3.
- Vikas Yadav gets time to surrender. *Times of India.* February 23, 2002 : 1.
- Vikas Yadav held. *Times of India.* February 23, 2002 : 1.
- Vikas Yadav, cousin, land in police net. *Hindu.* February 24, 2002 : 1.
- Nitish Katara thought that Yadavs would accept him. *Times of India.* February 26, 2002 : 8.
- High Court to monitor Nitish case investigations. *Hindu.* March 2, 2002 : 4.
- Yadav cousins admit guilt. *Hindu.* March 2, 2002 : 4.
- Chakravarty, Sayantan.Evil impulse. *India Today.* March 5-11,2002 : 51, 52.
- Notices to police in Katara case. *Hindu.* July 13, 2002 : 4.
- Katara's mother seeks safety of witnesses. *Tribune.* July 13, 2002 : 8.

Supreme Court on August 23, 2002 ordered transfer of Nitish Katara murder case from the Ghaziabad Sessions Court in Uttar Pradesh to a competent Sessions Court under the jurisdiction of Delhi.

- SC orders transfer of Katara case. *Hindu.* August 24, 2002 : 11.

A Delhi court on November 23, 2002 framed charges against the Rajya Sabha MP, D.P. Yadav's son Vikas and nephew Vishal Yadav in the business executive, Nitish Katara murder case. The Special Judge, S.N. Dhingra fixed January 20, 2003 for commencing the trial in the case on day-to-day basis.

- Digest : Katara murder : Charges framed. *Hindu.* November 24, 2002 : 1, 3.

Katiyar, Vinay

Vinay Katiyar has been appointed as the President of the Uttar Pradesh party unit of BJP on June 24, 2002 in New Delhi. PM A.B. Vajpayee himself cleared the name of Vinay Katiyar, BJP Lok Sabha M.P. from Faizabad.

- Katiyar heads BJP's UP brigade. *Tribune.* June 25, 2002 : 1.

Former Bajrang Dal Chief and *Hindutva* hardliner was on June 24 appointed president of the state BJP unit. Presently the general secretary of the state unit, he succeeded Kalraj Mishra.

- Katiyar new BJP chief in UP. *Times of India.* June 25, 2002 : 1.
- Revival of Hindutva card. Vinay Katiyar is U.P. BJP president. *Hindu.* June 25, 2002 : 11.
- Katiyar appointment may sharpen BJP-SP war of words. *Hindu.* June 25, 2002 : 11.
- Katiyar arrives in U.P. to hero's welcome. *Hindu.* June 27, 2002 : 12.
- New UP BJP Chief takes charge. *Tribune.* June 27, 2002 : 7.
- BJP's new chief in Uttar Pradesh. *Hindu.* June 28, 2002 : 10 (Editorial).
- Katiyar lists his priorities. *Times of India.* June 29, 2002 : 13.

In the face of summons from the Srinagar Court over his alleged blasphemous remarks on the relic in the Hazratbal shrine, BJP State Chief of U.P., Vinay Katiyar, plans to seek legal opinion. Katiyar, reportedly had said that the Moo-e-Muqaddas kept at the Hazratbal shrine actually belonged to Nimnath Baba, a Hindu Saint settled in Mecca and not that of Prophet Mohammad. These remarks had sparked off strong protests in Srinagar and the Kashmir Bar Association and a scribe filed two petitions.

- Katiyar in fix over remarks. *Times of India.* June 28, 2002 : 8.
- Tripathi, Purnima S. The Katiyar card. *Frontline.* 19(14). July 6-19, 2002 : 26-27.

UP BJP President, Vinay Katiyar, has been summoned by the District and Sessions Judge Srinagar to appear on October 21 in a case against him for his alleged comments on the holy relic of Prophet Mohammad at the Hazratbal Shrine.

- Srinagar court summons Katiyar. *Hindu* September 20, 2002 : 11.

Senior BJP leader and Uttar Pradesh BJP chief Mr. Vinay Katiyar failed to appear before a Srinagar court on September 19, 2002, in connection with his reported remarks on the holy relic in the Hazratbal Shrine. The court ordered Mr. Katiyar to appear before it in person on Oct. 21, 2002.

- Katiyar fails to appear in court. *Tribune.* September 20, 2002 : 12.

Katju, Vivek

Senior IFS officer, Vivek Katju, has been named India's Ambassador to Afghanistan on January 24, 2002. Mr. Katju is currently serving as India's Ambassador to Myanmar. Earlier he was Joint Secretary in the External Affairs Ministry in charge of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan for six years.

– Vivek Katju India's envoy to Afghanistan. *Times of India*. January 24, 2002 : 8.

Kaul, C.L. (Dr.)

Dr. C.L. Kaul, Director, National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) has been chosen for the Eminent Pharmacist Award 2002 by the Indian Pharmaceutical Association.

– *Tribune*. December 13, 2002 : 3.

Kaul, Sheila

The Government on November 11, 2002 gave sanction to CBI for prosecution of Ms. Sheila Kaul, former Cabinet Minister and Mr. P.K. Thungon former Minister of State in the Urban Development Ministry for their alleged involvement in a scam relating to the arbitrary allotment of shops and houses during 1995-96.

– Govt. sanctions CBI probe against former Ministers. *Hindu*. November 12, 2002 : 11.

Kaura, Jagmohan

A senior BJP leader, Jagmohan Kaura on January 27 joined the Congress. He was involved in a serious tussle with the BJP leadership a few months ago and had levelled serious allegations against certain leaders.

– BJP leader joins Congress. *Tribune*. January 28, 2002 : 5.

Kaura, Nisha

It was because of the letter of Nisha Kaura, published in the *Tribune* that caused the recommendation for cancellation of the selection of 100 science teachers made in December 2001. Punjab Lokpal has upheld the allegations of favouritism and foul play. Justice D.V. Sehgal, the Punjab Lokpal, found the selection process manipulative and he came down heavily on the role of former Education Minister, Tota Singh and the then Education Secretary, R.S. Sandhu.

– Victory of Courage: *Tribune*. May 25, 2002 : 10.

Kedar, Sunil

The bail plea of the former Chairman of Nagpur District Central Cooperative Bank, Sunil Kedar, was rejected on June 27, 2002 by a High Court bench. Twice his bail application was rejected by the lower courts.

– Kedar's bail plea rejected. *Times of India*. June 28, 2002 : 9.

– Jayakar, Roshni. Sunit Kedar : The political link. *Busines Today*. 11(11). May 27-June 9, 2002 : 62.

Kelkar, Ram

Film script writer Mr. Ram Kelkar (74) died after a brief illness in Mumbai on February 13, 2002. He had around 50 Bollywood films to his credit, including "Aap Ki Kasam", "Kaalicharan", "Vishwanath", "Piya Ka Ghar", "Karz" and "Ram Lakhan".

– In brief : Bollywood script writer dead. *Tribune*. February 14, 2002 : 8.

Kelkar, Vijay (Dr.)

India's former Executive Director on the board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Mr. Vijay Kelkar, took over as advisor to the Union Finance Minister, Jaswant Singh on August 26, 2002. He shall have the rank of Minister of State.

– New advisor to Finance Minister. *Hindu*. August 27, 2002 : 11.

– In the news : A cautious liberaliser. *Tribune*. August 30, 2002 : 10.

Keshav Chandra

Mr. Keshav Chandra, a 1975 batch officer of the Indian Railway Service has been appointed as the Divisional Railways Manager (DRM) of the Northern Railways at Ambala Cantonment.

– Keshav Chandra is DRM. *Tribune*. November 28, 2002 : 3.

– Briefly : New DRM for N. Railways. *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 3.

Kewal Krishan (Dr.)

Dr. Kewal Krishan was elected the Speaker of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha in Chandigarh on March 22, 2002. Leader of the House, Captain Amarinder Singh proposed the name of Dr. Kewal Krishan and the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, Chaudhary Jagjit Singh, seconded it. After his election to the position of Speaker, Dr. Kewal Krishan assured the House that he would conduct the business in an impartial manner. He represents Mukerian Vidhan Sabha seat from Hoshiarpur district. Born on October 10, 1923, he is a postgraduate and holds a diploma in medical science. This is his seventh term in the House.

– Kewal Krishan elected Speaker. *Tribune*. March 23, 2002 : 1, 18.

Kewal Singh, Giani

Charges were framed against Giani Kewal Singh, the former Jathedar of Takht Damdama Sahib, under Section 304 B and 306 of IPC in case of alleged dowry death of his daughter-in-law, Sharanjeet Kaur, at Bathinda on Aug. 6, 2002.

– Charges framed against Giani Kewal Singh. *Times of India*. August 7, 2002 : 5.

Khachi, Jai Behari Lal

JBL Khachi, a veteran politician and former Congress Minister and current MLA from Kumarsain assembly segment died of cardiac arrest on April 11, 2002 at Shimla. He was 76. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Khachi, from village Ghamana in district Shimla, was one of the founder-members of the Parja Mandal in the erstwhile Kumarsain state and presided over its first political conference in 1944. He was elected to HP State Territorial Council from 1952 to 1962 and to Himachal Vidhan Sabha in 1967, 1972, 1982, 1985, 1993 and 1998, losing elections only in 1962, 1977 and 1990.

– Congress MLA Khachi dead. *Times of India*. April 12, 2002 : 3.

– H.P. Cong MLA Khachi dead. *Tribune*. April 12, 2002 : 6.

Khan, Aamir

Noted film actor Aamir Khan's chartbuster ''Lagaan'' was nominated for 'Oscar' on February 12, 2002 in the category of the best non-English language film.

– 'Lagaan'' nominated for Oscar. *Hindu*. February 13, 2002 : 1.

Khan, Abdul Karim alias Karim Lala

Former underworld don, Haji Abdul Karim Khan alias Karim Lala (90) died of cardiac arrest at a private hospital in Mumbai on February 18, 2002. He is survived by his wife.

– In brief : Karim Lala dead. *Tribune*. February 20, 2002 : 8.

– Vijapurkar, Mahesh. Karim Lala dead. *Hindu*. February 20, 2002 : 13.

Khan, Feroz

Internationally acclaimed director, producer and actor, Feroz Khan has won the Teacher's Achievement Award. He was selected on the basis of vast nominations received on a dedicated site WWW.teachers achievements-awards.com. Feroz Khan is the one who put India on the World Map with his highly successful plays like ''Mahatma versus Gandhi'' and ''Tumhari Amrita''. His ''Mahatma versus Gandhi'' received a commendation award from the former President, K.R. Narayanan.

– Another honour for Feroz Khan. *Hindu*. November 4, 2002 : 2.

Khan, M.Y.

Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Bank, M.Y. Khan, has been honoured as ''Best Banker of the year 2001 by the Jammu and Kashmir Government for ''his outstanding services in the banking sector and taking J & K Bank to new heights''.

– Best banker. *Tribune*. January 30, 2002 : 13.

Khan, Salman

– Plea against releasing Salman's arms. *Hindu*. June 12, 2002 : 9.

– Court stay on Salman's arms. *Hindu*. June 13, 2002 : 5.

Noted filmstar Salman Khan lost control of his Toyota Land Cruiser, which crushed to death one person and injured four others on Bandra's Hill Road in Mumbai at 2.45 am on September 28, 2002. Salman ran away from the spot as the crowd gathered. The victim Nurulla Khan (38) who was sleeping on the steps of the American Express Cleaners on Hill Road, died on the spot. Salman was booked under sections 304 (A), 279 and 338 of the IPC read with section 134 of Motor Vehicles Act for causing death by a rash and negligent act.

– Salman Khan withdraws revision petition. *Hindu.* July 5, 2002 : 5.

– India Digest: Salman withdraws plea. *Times of India*. July 5, 2002 : 7.

– Salman gets bail in hit-and-run case : One Killed four injured as actor's Land Cruiser rams into bakery. *Sunday Times of India*. September 29, 2002 : 1.

– 5-run over by Salman's car, 1 dies. *Sunday Tribune*. September 29, 2002 : 1.

Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Chhagan Bhujbal on September 30, 2002, instituted a high level probe in the accident case involving Salman Khan.

– High-level probe into Salman case. *Tribune*. October 1, 2002 : 16.

– Weak law may help Salman get away. *Times of India*. October 1, 2002 : 11.

According to a top police official of Mumbai on October 1, 2002, the medical test conducted on actor Salman Khan revealed traces of alcohol beyond permissible limits in his blood.

– 'Salman was drunk'. *Tribune*. October 2, 2002 : 16.

– Suspend Salman's licence : Cops. *Tribune*. October 3, 2002 : 6.

– Editorial : This VVIP tilt ! *Tribune*. October 3, 2002 : 8.

– Salman has no licence ? *Tribune*. October 4, 2002 : 1.

Maharashtra police on October 4, 2002, asked Salman Khan to surrender his passport and claimed that the Land Cruiser that the actor was driving at the time of accident did not belong to him.

– Salman told to surrender passport. *Tribune*. October 5, 2002 : 20.

– Bollywood's 'brat pack' in focus. *Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 13.

Bombay High Court on October 5, 2002 asked the police not to allow, actor Salman Khan or his family members, relatives, friends to meet the mishap victims or their kin.

– Don't let Salman meet victims' kin : HC. *Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 22.

Actor Salman Khan was arrested on October 7, 2002, after a tougher charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder (Section 304) was slapped on him. He was remanded to police custody till October 10, 2002. Investigators found that Salman had no driving licence. A division bench of the High Court ordered him to pay Rs. 10 lakh to the family of the man who died, as also Rs. 3 lakh each to the two people seriously injured in the accident.

- Salman charged with culpable homicide, held. *Hindustan Times*. October 8, 2002 : 1.
- Kakodkar, Priyanka. Crime : You Khan't do that. *Outlook*. October 8–14, 2002 : 16.
- Salman to face action for holding benami property. *Hindustan Times*. October 9, 2002 : 6.
- Salman grilled on ownership of car. *Times of India*. October 9, 2002 : 11.
- Salman taken to court. *Tribune*. October 11, 2002 : 8.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile : A lesson to learn for Salman. *Sundry Tribune*. October 13, 2002 : 13.

Salman Khan was refused bail on October 14, 2002 and remanded to judicial custody till October 21, 2002.

- Khan refused bail, sent to judicial custody. *Times of India*. October 15, 2002 : 10.
- Kakodkar, Priyanka. A hit-and-run operation and its hidden truth. *Outlook*. October 15–21, 2002 : 12.

Mumbai Police on October 21, 2002 filed a charge-sheet listing 10 offences against actor Salman Khan in the hit and run case. He was charged with culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

- Digest : Salman Khan chargesheeted. *Hindu* October 22, 2002 : 1, 11.

Khan, Shah Rukh

Over 100 starry-eyed admirers of Shah Rukh Khan have whipped up a new frenzy here by dedicating a museum to the Bollywood heart-throb. The Shah Rukh Khan Fans Club, which has joined the bandwagon of ''social service'' organisations floated in the name of Hindi film stars, on Jan. 29, unveiled the museum housing Shah Rukh Khan memorabilia in the northern fringes of the Kolkata city.

- Shah Rukh Museum opens in Kolkata. *Tribune*. January 30, 2002 : 8.

Film actor Shah Rukh Khan was declared ''hostile'' on December 3, 2002 in a case of alleged Bollywood nexus with the underworld. He denied that Abu

Salem had called him on his cell phone to act in his movie. He also denied that Bharat Shah had gifted him a posh bungalow at Bandra in suburban Mumbai.

– In brief : Shah Rukh turns hostile, *Tribune*. December 4, 2002 : 7.

Khan, S.M.

Senior Indian Information Service (IIS) officer Mr. S.M. Khan has been appointed Press Secretary to the President, APJ Abdul Kalam. He took over his new assignment on August 7. Khan, a 1982 batch of IIS was earlier the spokesman of CBI.

– S.M. Khan is Press Secy. to Kalam. *Tribune*. August 8, 2002 : 8.

Khanna, Vinod

Interview with Girja Shankar Kaura. On Record: Need to boost 'Spiritual tourism'. *Tribune.* July 27, 2002 : 11.

Union Tourism Minister Vinood Khanna was criticised by Charanjit Singh Channi, Congress MP from Hoshiarpur for levelling charges against Punjab CM Capt. Amarinder Singh who, he said, had started a campaign against corruption. He added that previous SAD-BJP government sold government properties and leaders of this combine amassed money through corrupt means.

– Channi criticises Khanna's charges. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 5.

Khoshoo, T.N. (Dr.)

Dr. T.N. Khoshoo (75) eminent environmentalist, former Union Environment Secretary, Padma Bhushan and winner of the Indira Gandhi Paryavaran Puraskar, passed away at NOIDA in U.P. on June 11, 2002 following prolonged illness. He was associated with several scientific institutions and had authored and edited numerous books on botanical research and sustainable management of biosphere, genosphere, natural resources and environment. He was one of the main architects of the Ganga Action Plan.

– Environmentalist dead. *Hindu.* June 12, 2002 : 13.

Khosla, Ashok (Dr.)

Noted environmentalist, Dr. Ashok Khosla has won the prestigious U.N. Environment Programme (UNEP)'s ''Sasakawa Environment Prize'' for 2002 in recognition of his contribution to management and protection of environment. Dr. Khosla is president of Development Alternatives, India's premier environment and development agency.

– UNEP award for Indian environmentalist. *Hindu*. November 1, 2002 : 13.

Khosla, Vinod

Mr. Vinod Khosla (47) is the only Indian American who has made it to the Forbes' list of 400 richest Americans at 391. Khosla, a seasoned venture capitalist, and partner at the venture capital firm of Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers is one of the co-founders of Sun Microsystems. Born in New Delhi, Mr. Vinod Khosla, graduated from IIT, got a masters degree from Carnegie Mellon and then did MBA from Stanford.

– Lone Indian on Forbes' rich list. *Tribune*. September 20, 2002 : 13.

Khurana, Madan Lal

Has the charishma of the former Delhi Chief Minister Madan Lal Khurana fallen apart? Has the BJP strongman run out of issues and ideas? Well, developments in the recent past give ample indications of the declining charms. Failure to get support from the local BJP unit and increasing rivalry against him within the party has certainly handicapped Mr. Khurana who is finding the going tough.

– Fading charisma of Khurana. *Hindu*. June 25, 2002 : 4.

The Bhartiya Janata Party appointed veteran party leader and former Chief Minister of Delhi, Madan Lal Khurana as the president of its Delhi unit, on July 12, 2002. Announcement to this effect was made by the party president Shri Venkaiah Naidu.

– Khurana, Delhi BJP Chief. *Hindu*. July 13, 2002 : 1.

– Khurana takes the baton, goes for a strong lap. *Hindu*. July 13, 2002 : 4.

– Khurana heads Delhi BJP. *Tribune*. July 13, 2002 : 8.

– Khurana calls for Delhi bandh on July 22. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 3.

Khurana, S.M. Paul (Dr.)

Dr. S.M. Paul Khurana, Director of the Central Potato Research Institute has been elected Fellow of the National Academy of Agriculture Sciences. An Internationally known plant virologist, Dr. Khurana has been bestowed this prestigious Fellowship by the Academy in recognition of his contribution in research on potato. He is the President of the Indian Potato Association.

– Fellowships for 2 potato scientists. *Tribune*. November 18, 2002 : 12.

Kidwai, Naina Lal

Managing Director and Vice-chairman of the HBSC Securities and Capital Markets in India, Naina Lal Kidwai has been named one of the world's top 15 business influentials for 2002 by American News Magazine *Time*. The selections have been made from a list of more than 100 executives nominated by the *Time* correspondents around the world.

– Rajagopalan, S. Indian woman named one of world's 15 'business influentials'. *Hindustan Times*. November 26, 2002 : 12.

– Naina Kidwai among world's top 15 business influentials. *Indian Express*. November 26, 2002 : 11.

Kirpal, Bhupinder Nath (Justice)

Justice B.N. Kirpal is slated to be the next Chief Justice of India. President K.R. Narayanan has approved his appointment as the Chief Justice of India with effect from May 6, 2002. Law Ministry issued a notification to this effect on April 13, 2002. Born on November 8, 1937, Justice Kirpal did his law degree from Delhi University. He was appointed the Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court on December 14, 1993. Later he was elevated to the Supreme Court of India on September 11, 1995.

– B.N. Kirpal next CJ. *Hindu*. April 14, 2002 : 1.

Born on November 8, 1937, he is a product of St. Anthony's School, Lahore, and Modern School, New Delhi. Justice Kirpal is an alumnus of St Stephen's College. Affectionately called "Cuckoo" by family members, Justice Kirpal did his LLB from the Law College and came into his own as a lawyer. He worked as central government pleader in the Delhi High Court, additional standing counsel for the Income Tax Department and thereafter central government standing counsel since 1975.

Justice Kirpal was appointed Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court in November 1983. In December 1993, he was appointed Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court and elevated to the Supreme Court in October 1995 and is due to retire after six months as the Chief Justice of India in November.

Considered a pragmatist, Justice Kirpal has pronounced several far-reaching judgements in the present regime of liberalization. These include the controversial Balco privatization case where he observed that courts should be wary of interfering in economic policy decisions.

Justice Kirpal has also been seen as being highly conversant with eco-issues. The enforcement of the CNG deadline in Delhi is a case in point. Justice Kirpal has as a judge of the Delhi High Court probed the terrorist related Kanishka air crash over the Atlantic Ocean.

He has been in the news lately for his forceful intervention in the Ayodhya crisis rejecting a Shila Pujan to be performed anywhere on the acquired land in Ayodhya. Justice Kirpal heads the 11-judge Bench taking a fresh look at the special educational rights of minorities.

– India to have pragmatic Chief Justice. *Tribune.* May 2, 2002 : 8.

Justice Kirpal took over as the Chief Justice of India on May 6. Swearing in ceremony was held at the Ashoka Hall in Rashtrapati Bhavan. He shall be CJI till November 8, 2002. Presently, he is heading an 11-judge constitutional bench hearing the question as to who constituted minority under Article 30 (1) of the Constitution.

– Justice Kirpal takes over as CJI. *Tribune.* May 7, 2002 : 1.

On August 30 at Hoshiarpur while addressing the lawyers and judicial officers CJI B.N. Kirpal referred to the High Court Bar : "It is unfortunate that somebody is missing. They are our family members. But an internal dispute of the family must not be made public". High Court Bar had earlier decided to boycot the visit of CJI to his home town Hoshiarpur because the Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court on instructions from CJI had ordered the restoration of work to the three HC judges, from whom the work was withdrawn earlier, inspite of the fact that they all had been found guilty and indicted by the Chief Justice of the High Court in his report to CJI. CJI, it appears, considers the allegations against the HC judges, withdrawal of work from them on his advice, restoration of work to them later, reaction of the HC Bar Council on restoring the work as "an internal dispute of the family [which] must not be made public". Anupam Gupta says, "Judicial corruption is an "internal" matter of the judicial family no more than political corruption is an internal matter for the Council of Ministers or bureaucratic corruption is an internal matter of the civil secretariat. He adds : ''Whatever the CJI might think of the Bar, however, let him not treat Chief Justice Saharya's report and its findings as an ''internal'' matter or dispute. Having himself authorised Justice Saharya in writing, to hold an inquiry into ''insinuations'' against judges, let him now act upon the report as quickly as circumstances permit. And as firmly as truth and justice demand.''

– Gupta, Anupam. Action and reaction in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 11.

The Supreme Court Chief Justice, B.N. Kirpal on November 6, 2002 called for settlement of disputes through Alternate Disputes Resolution Methods in the context of huge arrears of cases for years. He also welcomed the recent changes brought out in the Civil Procedure Code, particularly the insertion of Sec. 89.

– Settle disputes through arbitration : CJI. *Hindu*. November 8, 2002 : 13.

Kishen Maharaj (Pt.)

Renowned tabla player Pandit Kishen Maharaj will be honoured with the second Ustad Inayat Khan Memorial Award for his contribution to the Indian classical music at a ceremony in Kolkata on February 15, 2002. The award instituted in the name of the legendary Sitarist Ustad Inayat Khan, carries a cash prize of Rs. one lakh and a silver salver.

– In brief : Pt. Kishen Maharaj to be honoured. *Tribune*. February 15, 2002 : 8.

Kohar, Ajit Singh

Vigilance Bureau of the Punjab Government has started inquiry into various deals entered into by the senior Akali leader and former minister of jails, welfare of freedom fighters and elections, Ajit Singh Kohar. Investigations have started into the purchase of about 125 acres of land in Sadik area of Faridkot district.

– Inquiry into Kohar's property. *Times of India*. June 15, 2002 : 7.

Mr. Ajit Singh Kohar, former minister for Jails in the Parkash Singh Badal government was arrested on August 9 by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau. He was arrested reportedly on the charges of corruption and possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

– Ex-minister held for graft. *Tribune*. August 10, 2002 : 1, 6.

– Kohar alleges torture in custody. *Tribune*. August 13, 2002 : 16.

Former Punjab Minister and a Senior Shiromani Akali Dal leader Mr. Ajit Singh Kohar's judicial remand was extended on September 11, 2002. Mr. Kohar was arrested by the Vigilance Bureau under the Prevention of Corruption Act on the charges of amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

– Kohar's judicial remand extended. *Tribune*. September 12, 2002 : 3.

Kohli, Manoj

Escotel CEO and Executive Director Mr. Manoj Kohli is to takeover as the Chairman of Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) for the next 12 months. He was elected chairman at COAI executive council meeting.

– Executive Digest : Manoj Kohli elected COAI chairman. *Times of India*. August 24, 2002 : 15.

Kohli, Pawan Deep Singh (Dr.)

Eminent Delhi-based radiologist, Dr. Pawan Deep Singh Kohli, has been appointed honorary radiologist to the President of India with effect from June 29, 2002 for the duration of the tenure of Mr. K.R. Narayanan as President. Dr. Kohli had been earlier working as radiologist in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and G.B. Pant Hospital in New Delhi. His area of interest is vascular radiology and mammography which is helpful in detecting early breast cancer.

– Dr. Kohli is honorary radiologist. *Tribune*. July 6, 2002 : 8.

– Briefly: President's doctor. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 4.

Koirala, Manisha

Ek Choti Si Love Story, a film staring Manisha Koirala has resulted into a legal battle between the actress and director-producer Shashilal Nair. Manisha told Bombay HC on August 23, 2002 that the Director had agreed to delete objectionable scenes from the film which had been shot using her double. Refuting her claim, the Director said that the film had been viewed and approved by Manisha.

– Manisha Koirala pleads for censor cuts in her next film. *Times of India*. August 26, 2002 : 8.

Mumbai High Court on August 30, 2002, rejected the plea of actress Manisha Koirala, to delete ''objectionable'' scenes in the film ''Choti Si Love Story'', in which her duplicate had been used. Justice F.I. Rebello, after viewing the film held that the impugned scenes were integral part of the film and that the scenes were neither vulgar nor projected Koirala in bad light.

– High Court rejects Koirala's plea for scissors. *Hindu*. August 31, 2002 : 9.

Actress, Manisha Koirala on September 4, 2002 moved the National Commission for Women (NCW) seeking its intervention to stop the screening of the film *Ek Chhoti Si Love Story*. Koirala alleges that the film has used a body double to depict her in an obscene and indecent manner.

– Manisha now knocks at NCW door. *Hindustan Times*. September 5, 2002 : 13.

– Manisha moves NCW : Files appeal in Mumbai HC. *Tribune*. September 5, 2002 : 1.

– Manisha meets Thackeray. *Hindu*. September 7, 2002 : 1.

– Shiv Sainik's come to Manisha's rescue. *Tribune*. September 7, 2002 : 1, 8.

– Sunday Debate : Is Manisha's protest against her body double justified ? *Sunday Times of India*. September 8, 2002 : 8.

The Bombay High Court, on September 13, 2002 issued contempt notices to actress Manisha Koirala and producer of the controversial film 'Ek Chhoti Si Love Story', Mr. Shashilal Nair for having approached the Shiv Sena Chief Bal Thackeray despite appeal in matter pending before the Court.

– Digest : Notice to Manisha. *Hindu*. September 14, 2002 : 1.

– Nayar, Mandira. Like it or not, the show goes on ... *Hindu*. September 14, 2002 : 1.

– Joshi, Namrata. Cinema : Minding the body. *Outlook*. September 17–23, 2002 : 54, 55.

Bollywood actress, Manisha Koirala, on October 2, 2002 sustained leg injuries during the shooting for ''Paisa Vasool'' after she fell from a horse-carriage. The mishap occured at the Chandivali Studios.

– Spotlight : Manisha Koirala hurt. *Tribune*. October 3, 2002 : 1.

Lawyers of Mr. Shashilal Nair, producer of controversial film ''Ek Chhoti Si Love Story'' and actress Manisha Koirala informed the Mumbai High Court on October 5, 2002 that they were working on a compromise over the legal dispute regarding the deletion of the alleged obscene shots in the movie, with the objective for an out-of-the-court settlement.

– Manisha, Nair bury 'Chhoti Si' hatchet. *Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 10.

Actress Manisha Koirala has been signed to play late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in a film titled ''Indira Gandhi – A Tryst with destiny''.

Mumbai High Court on October 17, 2002, accepted the unconditional apology from actress Manisha Koirala and producer Shashilal Nair and discharged contempt notices against them.

– Digest : HC drops proceedings. *Hindu*. October 18, 2002 : 1.

– Manisha to play Indira Gandhi. *Tribune*. November 21, 2002 : 2.

Kokje, Vishnu Sadashiv (Justice)

The women's group have reacted sharply to the findings of one member Justice Kokje Commission absolving Muni Lokendra Vijay from the charges of raping a devotee, Naina Jogani, at the Jain Upashraya at Bheemnnal (Rajasthan) on September 4, 1997. Justice Kokja was appointed to conduct the probe soon after the incident. The findings reportedly say that the Muni committed suicide after drinking acid out of shame and embarrassment at the charge levelled against him.

– Women's groups don't buy rape probe report. *Hindu*. September 20, 2002 : 3.

Koley, Raj Kumar

Raj Kumar Koley (43) working in China's Liaoning Province was among 112 people killed in the crash of a Chinese airliner off the northeast coastal city of Dalian on May 7, 2002. Koley was among the eight foreigners killed in the crash. He was the General Manager, Research and Development, in Orind Refractories Limited based in Wanghai city in northeast China's Liaoning Province.

– Indian among plane crash victims. *Hindu.* May 9, 2002 : 12.

Kolpe, S.B.

Veteran freedom fighter and senior journalist S.B. Kolpe died of the old age in Mumbai on September 18, 2002. Kolpe who was imprisoned during the British rule for participating in the Quit India Movement, was twice elected as the President of Indian Federation of Working Journalists.

– Veteran scribe dead. *Times of India*. September 19, 2002 : 7.

– Freedom fighter Kolpe dead. *Tribune*. September 19, 2002 : 8.

Kothiyal, Rajiv (Wing Commander)

Wing Commander Rajiv Kothiyal, the test pilot who first flew the prototype of India's fighter jet, Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), has quit the Indian Air Force, citing personal reasons, after serving the IAF for 23 years. He plans to pursue his career as a pilot as also consultant to flight test related programmes of various aerospace agencies.

– Anantha Krishnan M. LCA test pilot quits for personal reasons. *Times of India*. September 24, 2002 : 10.

Krishan Kant

Vice-President Krishan Kant (75) died in New Delhi on July 27, 2002 following a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife Suman, mother, two sons and a daughter. Kant was India's 10th Vice-President and the first one to die in office. Hailing from a family of freedom fighters and having gone to jail himself at a young age of 15 during the Quit India Movement, he was also an educationist and a man of letters, with a keen love for Urdu poetry. Before being elected as the country's Vice-President in 1997, he served as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh.

- Krishan Kant dead : 3-day State mourning. *Sunday Tribune*. July 28, 2002 : 1, 10.
- Obituary : Kant–a votary of poll reforms. *Sunday Tribune*. July 28, 2002 : 10.
- Declared dead at 8.45. *Sunday Tribune*. July 28, 2002 : 10.
- Top leaders pay tribute to Kant. *Sunday Tribune*. July 28, 2002 : 10.
- President, Prime Minister condole death. *Sunday Tribune*. July 28, 2002 : 10.

"Vice-President Krishan Kant died, perhaps, a broken man. As was natural in his position, he had the ambition to occupy the country's highest post. His wish remained unfulfilled for reasons of real politik. As chairman of Rajya Sabha, he functioned impartially to the satisfaction of all. He was known for his gentle manners and tactful handling of difficult situations."

- Editorial : Krishan Kant. *Tribune*. July 29, 2002 : 10.
- Obituary : A democrat and a radical. *Frontline*. 19(16) August 3-16, 2002 : 129.
- Liberty's Civil Caretaker : Krishan Kant was a Gandhian to the last, he died a satisfied man, sans all malice. *Outlook*. August 6–12, 2002 : 12.

Krishan Kumar

India's Krishan Kumar won gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester (UK) on August 3, 2002 in upto 55 kg wrestling final. He has a convincing victory over the powerful Canadian Mikheil Japaridze

- India outduels Canada to take three golds. *Hindu*. August 5, 2002 : 20.

Krishan Mohan

Managing Director of Hafed, Mr. Krishan Mohan has been appointed the Director, Public Relations, Grievances and Cultural Affairs by the Haryana Government.

- Briefly : Krishan Mohan Haryana DPR. *Hindu*. September 28, 2002 : 3.

Krishna Bharat

Mr. Krishna Bharat, a 32 year old Indian software engineer, a B.Tech. from IIT (Madras) who went to do his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Georgia Tech. U.S. in 1996, is the brain behind the world's first news service totally compiled by computer without human intervention. The website (WWW.news.google.com) employs no human editors; instead a specially developed algorithm samples the news stories as they arrive and slots them into appropriate sections. It is thus possible for 'news freaks' as well as professionals in the media to trace news items and stories wherever they broke and follow developments almost by the minute.

- Parthasarathy, Anand. Indian brain behind world's first 'automated' news site. *Hindu*. November 4, 2002 : 9.

Krishna Maharaj

Florida (USA) Supreme Court on March 27, 2002 sentenced British former millionaire to life imprisonment for the 1986 murder of two businessmen in a hotel. Maharaj (63), a wealthy importer, was initially sentenced to death in 1987.

– Global monitor : NRI millionaire gets life term. *Tribune*. March 29, 2002 : 9.

Krishna, S.M.

The Supreme Court on September 23, 2002, issued notices to Karnataka Chief Minister, Mr. S.M. Krishna and four others on a contempt petition filed by Tamil Nadu, alleging violation of orders of the Court and the Cauveri River Authority (CRA) by its neighbour on release of the stipulated quantity of water.

– SC notices to Krishna, 4 others. *Tribune*. September 24, 2002 : 1.

– SC issues contempt notice to Krishna. *Times of India*. September 24, 2002 : 8.

Karnataka Chief Minister, Mr. S.M. Krishna began a 129-Km ''peace march'' from Bangalore to Kabin Dam, on October 7, 2002 to cool the tempers of the people of the State over the water sharing dispute with Tamil Nadu. Krishna claims that his peace-march is a non-political mission and is aimed at restoring peace in the region.

– Krishna kicks off yatra & Jaya hardens stand. *Hindustan Times*. October 8, 2002 : 9.

Commenting on Krishna's ''peace march'' an editorial in the *Tribune* dated October 8, 2002 writes : ... ''His padayatra on Monday (October 7, 2002), obviously to gain public sympathy, has not been taken kindly by the opposition parties who have been endorsing hitherto every step taken by Mr. Krishna on the Cauvery issue. The opposition leaders see the padayatra as a tactical move by Mr. Krishna to gain political mileage ... The issue in question is how long Mr. Krishna can afford to flout both the Supreme Court fiat and the Cauvery River Authority's directive on the release of 900 cusecs of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu. There is apparently no rationale behind Mr. Krishna's appeal to the Prime Minister for an emergency meeting of the CRA to discuss the issue. What is the fun of having an emergency meeting when Karnataka is in no mood to follow the advice of the Prime Minister Vajpayee, who is also the Chairman of the CRA ? ...''

– Editorial : Slowdown on Cauvery. *Tribune*. October 8, 2002 : 10.

Chief Minister of Karnataka S.M. Krishna, who on 24 October was held guilty of contempt prime facie for not obeying the directive of the Supreme Court on Cauvery issue, relented on October 28, and began realsing water to Tamil Nadu. This he did a day before the Supreme Court Verdict and perhaps it was the last minute attempt to avert a strong indictment by the Court. Krishna on October 28 tendered an unconditional apology to the Supreme Court for not complying with its orders. The Karnataka State has started releasing 10,000 cusecs daily.

– Krishna relents, releases water. *Hindustan Times*. October 28, 2002 : 1.

Karnataka Chief Minister Mr. S.M. Krishna on October 28, 2002 tendered an ''unconditional apology'' to the Supreme Court for not complying with its orders for the release of Cauvery waters to Tamil Nadu.

– Krishna tenders apology : SC defers order till Friday. *Hindu*. October 29, 2002 : 1.

– Krishna tenders apology to SC. *Tribune*. October 29, 2002 : 1.

– Editorial : Krishna's watered-down stand. *Tribune*. October 29, 2002 : 10.

Krishnakumar, Asha

Special correspondent of English fortnightly, *Frontline* has won the prestigious 2002 Lorenzo Natali Prize for Journalism : Excellence in Reporting Human Rights, Democracy and Development for Asia and the Pacific category, awarded by the European Commission and administered by the International Federation of Journalists for her cover story ''Weavers in distress'' and the follow-up report ''For the weavers'' both published in the magazine. The Lorenzo Natali Prize comprising a cash award of 10000 Euros and a trophy, was presented to Ms. Krishnakumar at a ceremony held in Brussels on November 15, 2002.

– Award for journalist. *Hindu*. November 17, 2002 : 13.

Krishnamurthi, Jana

The effort by PM A.B. Vajpayee and the Union Home Minister L.K. Advani to link a major cabinet reshuffle with a new look for the party is in a crisis situation for the last several days. Several party leaders have said openly that Mr. Krishnamurthi's refusal to give up his post had created a hurdle in the way of Mr. Vajpayee's ideas on refurbishing his government while ensuring a new look for the party, while others have expressed shock at the manner in which the big two were treating the party president, who they had installed and got duly elected.

Mr. Brajesh Mishra and Bhairon Singh Shekhawat were sent to Jana Krishnamurthi to get a 'yes' response to the cabinet berth offer.

– BJP chief ready to quit. *Hindu*. June 28, 2002 : 1.

Krishnamurthy, T.S.

Unhappy with the Election Commission for failing to postpone the by-election to the Andippati Assembly seat in Tamil Nadu from where former Chief Minister J. Jayalalitha is a candidate, a group of DMK legislators today sought the removal of the Election Commissioner for failing to act on their demand. In a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner J.M. Lyngdoh, the legislators said the Election Commissioner, Mr. T.S. Krishnamurthy, who was in charge of Tamil Nadu, had acted in a biased manner by deferring the Andipatti by-election.

– Remove Krishnamurthy : DMK. Criticism in bad taste, says EC. *Tribune*. January 22, 2002 : 6.

Krishnaswami, Mani

Eminent Carnatic vocalist and Padma Shri awardee, Mani Krishnaswami (72) passed away in Chennai on July 12, 2002 following a heart attack. She is survived by her husband and a son. A winner of several honours, she was awarded the Padma Shri in March this year. The titles 'Sapthagri Sangeetha Vidwanmani', 'Sangita Kalanidi', 'Kalaimamani' and 'Sangeetha Chhodamani' has been conferred on her.

– Mani Krishnaswami passes away. *Hindu*. July 13, 2002 : 13.

Krishnaswamy, S. Air Chief Marshal

Air Chief Marshal, S. Krishnaswamy addressed a press conference in New Delhi on October 1, 2002. He announced that the Air Force would set up its own specialised unit – Tiger Force Commandos to guard its air-bases. He said that the Air Force would introduce merit-based promotions.

– IAF to raise Tiger Force to guard air-bases. *Tribune*. October 2, 2002 : 16.

Kulbir Singh

Former Chief Engineer of Chandigarh, Mr. Kulbir Singh (84) passed away in Chandigarh on September 28, 2002. He held the post for 16 years (1962-1978). A keen sportsman, he was the founder of the Chandigarh Women's Hockey Association, the Chandigarh Roller Skating Association and the Squash Racket Association. He also served as the President of Chandigarh Club and Captain of the Golf Club.

– Kulbir Singh dead. *Tribune*. September 29, 2002 : 4.

Kuldip Singh (Justice)

Justice Kuldip Singh (retd.) was appointed the Chairman of the Delimitation Commission on July 12, 2002 for a period of two years or until further orders. Justice Kuldip Singh is the retired Judge of the Supreme Court.

– Justice Kuldip heads panel. *Tribune*. July 13, 2002 : 8.

Kulwant Singh

Commenting on the abduction, detention, torture and deportation of Indian High Commission staffer in Islamabad, an editorial in *Tribune* writes: "Today it is Mr. Kulwant Singh. In April it was Mr. Anil Khanna and in November 2001 Mr. Devendra Kumar Gupta. There is a sickening regularity to Pakistan's torture of Indian diplomats who are unfortunate enough to be posted there. They are abducted and mercilessly beaten up at the behest of Pakistani intelligence agencies. As soon as any Pakistani official is caught spying in India, Indian staffer have to go through hell. A counter-allegation is always made against them, and they have to come face-to-face with 'interrogation', Pakistani style. Needless to say, these third degree methods are applied with a vengeance on the Indian staff, their diplomatic immunity be damned… Their life and limbs are never secure. Pakistani spies trail them everywhere. Their phones are regularly tapped and it is quite common for "unidentified intruders" to break into their houses and rummage through their belongings… All Indian protests against such barbaric acts remain futile. The irony is that the game is so dirty that India cannot even opt for a'tit-for-tat' policy.

– Editorial : Torture diplomacy. *Tribune.* June 8, 2002 : 12.

Kulwinder Kaur

Editor of a quarterly magazine ''Punjab Monitor'' was arrested on August 29, 2002, on the basis of an article titled ''the realities of Hindu Gods and their embodiments''. Following a complaint to the police by the All India Hindu Shiv Sena President, the police arrested the editor under section 295 of the IPC for causing communal disharmony.

– Punjab Monitor Editor held. *Tribune.* August 30, 2002 : 5.

Kumble, Anil

The Indigo Nation has appointed Anil Kumble, the veteran cricketer, as its brand ambassador.

– Indigo Nation to expand product range. *Hindu.* June 18, 2002 : 18.

– Kumble ambassador of Indigo Nation. *Tribune.* June 19, 2002 : 15.

Kundra, A.K. (Dr.)

Dr. A.K. Kundra, an IAS officer of 1966 batch from Punjab cadre assumed charge of Mines Secretary in New Delhi on February 1, 2002. Before taking over as Mines Secretary, Dr. Kundra held the charge of Chairman Tariff Commission for one year.

– Kundra takes over as Mines Secretary. *Tribune.* February 2, 2002 : 8.

Kunjarani Devi

India's N. Kunjarani Devi clinched the overall gold medal in the women's 48 kg. category in the weightlifting event of the 17th Commonwealth Games at Manchester on July 30.

– Kunjarani Devi clinches gold. *Tribune.* July 31, 2002 : 16.

The 34-year-old N. Kunjarani Devi swept all the three gold medals as she lifted a total of 167·5 kg in the women's 48 kg category as also claimed the snatch (75 kg) and the clean and jerk (92·5 kg) gold medals, at the Manchester Commonwealth Games on July 30.

– Clean sweep by Kunjarani. *Tribune.* August 1, 2002 : 16.

Manish Kumar. Manipuri lifter puts behind the trauma of six-month ban : No jerk, it is a clean lift for Kunjarani.

– *Indian Express*. August 1, 2002 : 14.

Kureshi, Haji Yakub

Haji Yakub Kureshi, an MLA belonging to the ruling BSP in UP, has been booked under ST Act in Meerut for allegedly using derogatory language against the collectorate officials community. Kureshi, along with some of his supporters allegedly bashed up Santram, a Senior Assistant Chief Revenue Accounts Officer over some issue and took away some of his belongings. Haji Yakub Kureshi represents the Khargoda constituency.

– BSP MLA booked under ST Act. *Tribune*. June 23, 2002 : 10.

– Case against MLA. *Hindu*. June 23, 2002 : 7.

Kurkur, Abdul Razzak

Abdul Razzak Kurkur (40), the alleged mastermind of the February 27 Sabarmati Express carnage at Godhara Railway Station was arrested in Godhara's Signal Falia neighbourhood on October 8, 2002. He was remanded to 10 days police custody.

– Das, Rathin and Vinay Menon. Godhara matermind held, likely to provide vital details. *Hindustan Times*. October 9, 2002 : 11.

– Godhra's most wanted man held. *Times of India*. October 9, 2002 : 11.

Kuttu Bai

In a shocking incident of "sati", 65-year old Kuttu Bai sat on the funeral pyre of her husband on August 6 and died of burn injuries later. The incident occured at Tamoli Patna village in the Panna district of Madhya Pradesh. When some local policemen separatedly tried to save the woman, they came under a stone attack by the villagers. Even Kuttu Bai's two grown up sons did not try to prevent their mother from committing "sati".

– Women commits 'sati' in MP. *Tribune*. August 7, 2002 : 8.

– Probe into 'sati' ordered : NCW delegation to visit MP. *Tribune*. August 8, 2002 : 8.

– Editorial : Elements of Roop Kanwar. *Tribune*. August 9, 2002 : 10.

– Editorial : Elements of Roop Kanwar. *Tribune*. August 9, 2002 : 10.

– NCW team submits report on sati. *Tribune*. August 12, 2002 : 8.

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Lahiri, Ashok

Ashok Lahiri joins Ministery of Finance as Chief Economic Advisor. After two years, the country is set to have a full-fledged Chief Economic Adviser in eminent economist Ashok Lahiri. A monetary economist, Dr. Lahiri is currently the Director of the economic think-tank – National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP). As CEA, it will be his second stint in the Ministry of Finance, where he was earlier an Economic Adviser. He went on deputation to the NIPFP in February, 1998. Dr. Lahiri's name has been doing the rounds for quite some time, but it is said that he was very particular about being designated as full-fledged CEA. Though Mr Rakesh Mohan served the Ministry as an Adviser, he could not be designated as CEA, as the previous incumbent, Mr Shankar Acharya, had not quite the Ministry then and had been on a sabbatical for two years which ends in September. Dr. Lahiri is one of the privileged students who had the honour of being educated by the ABC (Amartya Sen, Jagdish Bhagwati and Sukhomoy Chakravarty) of Indian economics at the Delhi School of Economics or the D'School. A graduate in economics from Presidency College, Kolkata, Dr Lahiri did his MA and Ph.D (on the topic "Demand for Money") from D'School and subsequently taught at his alma mater for 13 years from 1973. He was also a Leverhulme Visiting Fellow at the University of Birmingham during 1981-82, a visiting Faculty Member at the Indian Statistical Institute and the University of Georgetown. Thereafter, he was a Consultant to the World Bank during 1986-87 and was associated with the IMF during 1987-96 advising them on matters pertaining to Eastern Europe and the erstwhile Soviet Union. Dr Lahiri was a Director of the United Bank of India and currently is a Board Member of the Industrial Finance Corporation of India and the National Institute of Bank Management, Pune. He has been and continues to be a member of several committees set up by the Government and the Reserve Bank of India for advising on issues related to deregulation of the petroleum sector.

– Finance Ministry's CEO. *Tribune*. August 22, 2002 : 8.

Lal, B.B (Prof.)

Former Director-General of the Archaeological Survey of India, Prof. B.B. Lal proclaimed on November 23, 2002 that the hypothesis of Aryan invasion of India was incorrect. He said, "It is a myth that the Aryans invaded India".

– Aryan invasion a Myth : Prof. Lal. *Tribune*. November 24, 2002 : 20.

Lamai, Mangal Singh

Former Bihar Health Minister Mangal Singh Lamai died of massive heart attack at his village Turirata in West Singhbum district on October 9. He was 72.

Lambah, S.K.

S.K. Lambah, India's Special Envoy to Afghanistan resigned from his post. Announcement of his resignation was made by the official spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry on July 11, 2002.

– Special envoy to Kabul resigns. *Tribune.* July 12, 2002 : 8.

– Baruah, Amit. Lambah quits as special envoy. *Hindu.* July 12, 2002 : 1.

India's former special envoy to Afganistan Mr. S.K. Lambah has prepared and submitted a 22-page report (excluding annexures) recommending measures which would enable the Ministry of External Affairs to face challenges in the new international environment.

– Sudarshan, V. Lambah report : Towards a lean and mean Ministry. *Outlook.* July 30-August 5, 2002 : 40-41.

Langah, Sucha Singh

Sucha Singh Langah, the PWD Minister in the Parkash Singh Badal led Akali-BJP Government was on May 16, 2002, booked by the Punjab Vigilance Department for allegedly possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. The former minister Sucha Singh Langah, along with the other persons, has been booked for cheating and forgery. A case under the Prevention of Corruption Act and Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 and 120B of IPC has been registered against the former minister and the other persons. His passport details have been flashed to various airports so that he does not escape from the country.

– Rajmeet Singh. Former minister booked. *Tribune.* May 18, 2002 : 1.

– Langah declared history-sheeter again; Rs.12.6 crores assets detected. *Times of India.* May 19, 2002 : 5.

– Langah's assets of 12.60 crores 'uncovered'. *Tribune.* May 19, 2002 : 1, 19.

News report published in the *Tribune* dated May 19, 2002 writes:.. Mr. Langah was instrumental in the "surrender" of Zaffarwal, as he had also given him shelter at his official residence as a minister, in Sector 39, Chandigarh. As such, he was again placed in the list of "bad character-A".

Punjab Vigilance Bureau issued a Press note on May 23, 2002 that said: Former Punjab PWD Minister Sucha Singh Langah, facing Vigilance probe also owns two house in Chandigarh, 73 shops in Langah Market in Dhariwal (Gurdaspur) and four buses in Gurdaspur.

– Langah has 73 shops in Dhariwal. *Tribune.* May 24, 2002 : 3.

From a bank locker of Harbhajan Kaur wife of former Akali Minister of PWD Sucha Singh Gill, jewellery weighing 1.25 kg. was recovered on May 25, 2002.

- Walia, Varinder. Locker of Langah's wife opened. *Tribune.* May 26, 2002 : 3.
- Langah denies charges. *Times of India.* June 11, 2002 : 6.
- High Court : Langah denied bail. *Tribune.* June 21, 2002 : 4.0
- Remand of Langah's agents extended. *Tribune.* June 21, 2002 : 5.
- Langah aide's bail plea adjourned. *Tribune.* June 23, 2002 : 4.
- Warrants against Langah reissued. *Tribune.* June 28, 2002 : 5.

Mr. Sucha Singh Langah, former PWD Minister of Punjab surrendered in the court before a Judicial Magistrate in Kharar on July 25, 2002. He has been remanded to police custody till July 30, 2002.

- Langah surrenders in court. *Tribune.* July 26, 2002 : 1,20.
- Former Punjab Minister surrenders. *Hindu.* July 26, 2002 : 5.
- Langah case: notice to Punjab on counsel's plea. *Tribune.* July 27, 2002 : 5.
- Prabhjot Singh. Langah whisked away from hospital. *Tribune.* July 28, 2002 : 1, 8.
- VB links Langah to 'Money, Women'. *Tribune.* July 30, 2002 : 1, 10.
- Langah gets copies of challan papers. *Tribune.* September 28, 2002 : 3.

Mr. Sucha Singh Langah was granted bail on October 12, 2002 in a criminal and corruption case registered against him and 15 others at Mohali by the Punjab Vigilance department. His release was ordered on regular bail after furnishing a personal bail bond of Rs. 2 Lakh and with two sureties of the like amount. He has been ordered to surrender his passport.

- Langah gets regular bail. *Sunday Tribune.* October 13, 2002 : 4.
- Langah granted regular bail. *Sunday Tribune.* October 13, 2002 : 5.

Charges under Sections 13 (a) (e), 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Sections 467 and 468 of the IPC in criminal and corruption cases were framed against former Punjab PWD Minister, Mr. Langah.

- Charges framed against Langah, others. *Tribune.* November 30, 2002 : 1, 7.

Laxman, R.K.

Renowned cartoonist Mr. R.K. Laxman was felicitated for his 'lifetime achievement' in the field of cartooning by the Indian Institute of Cartoonists at a function in Bangalore on February 14, 2002. Karnataka Chief Minister Mr. S.M. Krishna honoured Mr. Laxman.

- Politicians don't inspire Laxman anymore. *Tribune.* February 15, 2002 : 8.
- In brief : Cartoonist Laxman felicitated. *Tribune.* February 16, 2002 : 8.

Laxman, V.V.S.

The middle order batsman, V.V.S. Laxman has been the winner of Arjuna Award for 2001. Government announced this on August 21 in New Delhi. The award shall be presented by the President, APJ Abdul Kalam on August 29, 2002.

– Arjuna Award for Laxman. *Hindu*. August 22, 2002 : 1.

– Arjuna Awards. *Times of India*. August 22, 2002 : 1.

Leeladhar, V.

Mr. V. Leeladhar, Chairman and Managing Director of Union Bank of India was on August 30, 2002 elected President of the Indian Institute of Bankers at the meeting of the governing council.

– Monitor : New IIB President. *Hindu*. September 7, 2002 : 16.

Lohani, Ashwini

Chairman-cum-Managing Director of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) Mr. Ashwini Lohani was removed from his post and repatriated to his parent cadre, the Indian Railway Service without assigning any reason. Mr. Lohani's services as CMD of ITDC were viewed as good and he was perceived as a dynamic officer who was ''showing results''.

– Parsai, Gargi. ITDC chief eased out. *Hindu*. December 4, 2002 : 11.

Lone, Abdul Gani

The Central Government has restored the passport to senior Hurriyat leader, Abdul Gani Lone, to enable him to visit the United States for treatment of his heart ailment. He is to leave for Florida on April 13, 2002.

– Lone gets his passport back; will leave for Florida today. *Times of India*. April 13, 2002 : 3.

Senior Hurriyat leader and Executive Council member of the All Party Hurriyat Conference (APHC), Abdul Gani Lone (70) was shot dead by two assailants on May 21, 2002 at Idgah grounds in Old Srinagar city. Lone was a moderate voice in the 23 party separatist conglomerate. At the time of his assassination Lone was participating in a rally meant to mark the 12th death anniversary of former Mirwaiz of Kashmir, Maulvi Mohammad Farooq, father of Hurriyat leader Umar Farooq. Lone is survived by wife, two sons and a daughter.

Lone was a minister in the Congress Government in the State during 1964 to 1975. He floated his own political party: Jammu and Kashmir People's Conference after Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah came to power in 1975 and sat in Opposition winning the 1977 assembly election. He joined the Hurriyat in 1993.

– Pandit, M.Saleem. Lone shot dead at Srinagar rally. *Times of India*. May 22, 2002 : 1.

– Editorial: Lone's Murder. *Hindu*. May 23, 2002 : 10.

- Parties condemn Lone's killing. *Hindu.* May 23, 2002 : 11.
- Puri, Luv. Lone laid to rest. *Hindu.* May 23, 2002 : 11.
- Mattoo, Amitabh. A voice of the Kashmiri people. *Hindu.* May 23, 2002 : 11.
- 'His fate was sealed at Dubai meet'. *Hindu.* May 23, 2002 : 11.
- Editorial: Not alone. *Times of India.* May 23, 2002 : 12.
- Puri, Luv. Tributes to Lone. *Hindu.* May 25, 2002 : 12.
- Bukhari, Shujaat. He had the courage of conviction. *Hindu.* May 25, 2002 : 12.

Editorial that appeared in the *Hindu* dated May 23, 2002 'Lone's Murder' writes... the physical liquidation of Lone must be seen, by the political establishment as well as the Kashmiri nationalists, not so much as a challenge to their endeavour to uphold the democratic principle and establish a truly representative system of governance that answers the aspiration of the populace...

The objective of Lone's assassins was obviously two fold. One, to push India and Pakistan further along the mistrust driven, dangerously confrontationist route... And, two, to warn Kashmiri nationalists, whether within the Hurriyat umbrella or outside it, against entertaining even the remotest idea of participating in the State Assembly elections due to be held a few months from now.

Editorial 'Moderate voice gagged' that appeared in the *Tribune* dated May 23, 2002 over Lone's tragic assassination writes: "Mr. Abdul Gani Lone had not veered around to the Indian point of view. But had clearly seen through the Pakistani perfidy. Of late, he had started speaking boldly against foreign extremists and the agencies (a clear reference to the ISI), which had taken the "Kashmiri struggle" in their clutches. The only separatist leader who was thus taking on Pakistan has had to pay with his life. If his son openly blames the ISI for the black deed, it only shows that the Pakistani avowal of innocence and attempts to blame India for the murder has no takers in the valley. By gunning down the septuagenarian leader, the terrorists backed by Pakistan have issued a grim warning to all concerned that the Hurriyat should not dare to be politically independent of jehadis..."

- Moderate voice gagged. *Tribune.* May 23, 2002 : 10.
- Khare, Harish. Voice of moderations stilled. *Hindu.* May 26, 2002 : 16.
- Swami, Praveen. The killing of Lone. *Frontline.* 19(12) June 8-21, 2002 : 35, 36.
- A voice from Kashmir : Lawrence Lif Schultz interviews Abdul Ghani Lone. *Frontline.* 19(16) August 3-16, 2002 : 20-24.

Lone, Mushtaq Ahmed

Militants shot dead the Senior National Conference leader and Minister of State for Law, Mushtaq Ahmed Lone (43) besides three of his guards on September 11, 2002. Lone was addressing a public meeting in Rednag in the Tekipora area of the Lolab segment, when a militant wearing a traditional Kashmiri "pheran", stood up from the women's enclosure and opened fire.

- Bukhari, Shujaat. Spree of attacks on political leaders. J & K Minister, guards shot dead by militants. *Hindu*. September 12, 2002 : 1, 11.
- Minister, 16 others killed in Kashmir. *Times of India*. September 12, 2002 : 1.
- Fazili, Ehsban, Burqa-clad ultra kills minister : 12 gunned down at rally in Poonch. *Tribune*. September 12, 2002 : 1, 18.

Kashmiri militants attacked on the Sogam village falling in the Lolab Assembly constituency during the funeral oration for the slain Law Minister Mushtaq Ahmed Lone.

- Bhatnagar, Ashwini. Firing at Lone's funeral. *Tribune*. September 13, 2002 : 1, 18.
- Bukhari, Shujaat. Lone's killing dampens campaign. *Hindu*. September 14, 2002 : 11.

Lone, Sajjad Gani

Sajjad Gani Lone rules out the participation of his party in the coming elections in J&K. He also adds that there is no need for the Third Front.

- Bukhari, Shujaat. Sajjad rules out participation in poll. *Hindu*. July 15, 2002 : 1.
- Bukhari, Shujaat. There is no need for a Third Front, says Sajjad Lone. *Hindu*. July 15, 2002 : 13.

Lyngdoh, J.M.

The Chief Election Commissioner, Mr. J.M. Lyngdoh on June 28, 2002 stirred a hornet's nest by notifying that politicians will have to declare their criminal records if any, as also their assets and educational qualifications while filing their nominations. Mr. Lyngdoh's attempts to implement the Supreme Court directive (May 2, 2002) met with strong protests from politicians cutting across party lines, besides creating a controversy.

- Interview : J.M. Lyngdoh. *Outlook*. 42(28) July 16-22, 2002 : 22–24.

Mr. Bhavdeep Kang in his article on CEC, Mr. J.M. Lyngdoh titled, 'The Man's straight as an Arrow' in English weekly *Outlook* describes Mr. Lyngdoh as–A formidable combination of integrity, intelligence and competence and is regarded by his peers as an inscrutable bureaucrat. He has acquired a reputation for probity, not carried away by flattery and has no political leanings.

- Kang, Bhavdeep. The Man's Straight as an Arrow : The CEC is a man who goes by the letter of the law, thorough with a reputation for probity. *Outlook*. July 30-August 5, 2002 : 31.
- Krishnan, Murali. The promise of probity : The EC is determined to conduct the Gujarat polls in its own time, and in a free and fair climate. *Outlook*. July 30-August 5, 2002 : 30-32.

A probe under Section 202 of IPC was ordered by the First Class Judicial Magistrate of Valsad agianst the Chief Election Commissioner J.M. Lyngdoh and his two colleagues, T.S. Krishnamurthi and B.B. Tandon, for wrong display of the Tri-colour at a press conference on August 2. The investigation has been ordered on the complaint of Arvind Vash.

- Case against Lyngdoh. *Tribune*. August 13, 2002 : 1.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile : Too seasoned and upright to be taken for granted. *Tribune*. August 18, 2002 : 11.

Chief Election Commissioner of India J.M. Lyngdoh on Sept. 15, appealed to the voters of J & K to exercise their franchise enthusiastically as the international media and diplomats would be keenly watching the elections. ''None of you who does not wish to vote is to be forced to do so. But there are many of you, going by the media coverage the election fest, who wish to vote despite the needless bloodshed and tribulation you have been through''.

- Vote enthusiastically Lyngdoh tells J & K voters. *Hindu*. September 16, 2002 : 1.

Chief Election Commissioner, Mr. J.M. Lyngdoh successfully conducted free and fair elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

Mr. J.M. Lyngdoh banned the proposed vijay yatra of BJP and VHP in view of the communally surcharged atmosphere in Gujarat.

- Krishnan, Murali. Their Journey's end : It was a State Government report that prompted the yatra ban. *Outlook*. November 19-25, 2002 : 30-31.

India's most popular English weekly, *India Today*, describes Mr. J.M. Lyngdoh as a 'Man of Mettle'.

- J.M. Lyngdoh : Man of Mettle. *India Today*. December 31, 2002-January 6, 2003 : 132.

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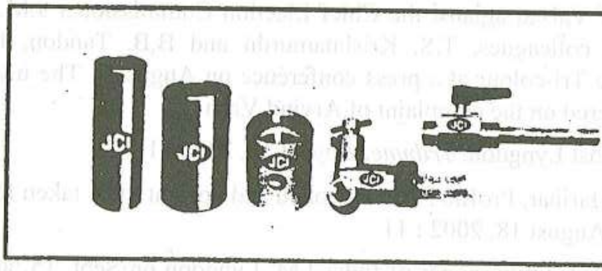

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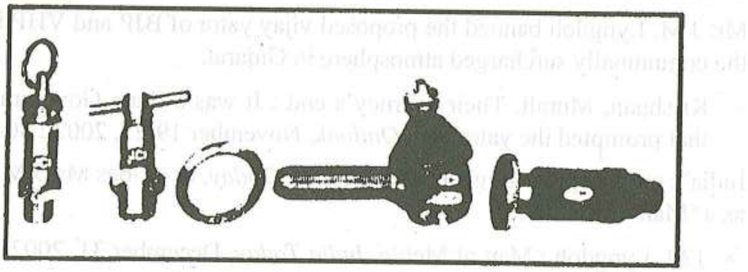

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Madan Lal

Income Tax Commissioner of Karnal division in Haryana, Madan Lal was arrested on May 9, 2002 for allegedly accepting bribe of Rs.one lakh. Central Bureau of Investigation team led by DSP Ganesh Verma arrested the official accepting the amount at his residence and seized the money. A case under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act was registered against the Commissioner.

– IT Commissioner of Karnal caught taking bribe. *Times of India*. May 11, 2002 : 1.

Special Judge, Ambala, B.B. Prasoon on May 23, 2002 extended the judicial remand of the Commissioner of Income Tax (CIT), Karnal, Madan Lal till June 5, 2002. A CBI team had arrested him on May 9, 2002 for allegedly taking a bribe of Rs.one lakh in a tax assessment from the consultant of a firm at Karnal.

– IT Commissioner's remand extended. *Tribune*. May 24, 2002 : 6.

Madasamy, Krishnan

Indian weight-lifter Krishnan Madasamy was stripped of his medals on Aug. 3 after he tested positive for the performance enhancing drug nandrolone. He had won three silver medals in the men's upto 62 kilogram competition in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester (U.K.).

– Madasamy fails dope test : Stripped of medals. *Hindu*. Aug. 5, 2002 : 20.

Indian weight-lifter, Krishnan Madasamy (28) was stripped of his medals at the Manchester Commonwealth Games on August 3, 2002 after he tested positive for 19–norandrosterone, a metabolite of nandrolone. Madasamy had won three silver medals in the men's upto 62-kilogram competition.

– Madasamy tests positive, stripped of 3 medals. *Tribune*. August 5, 2002 : 16.

Madhavendra Singh (Admiral)

Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Madhavendra Singh, addressed the annual press conference in New Delhi on December 2, 2002, on the eve of visit of Russian President.

– We need Gorshkov : Navy Chief. *Tribune*. December 3, 2002 : 7.

– 'Navy should be repository of nuclear arsenal'. *Hindu*. December 3, 2002 : 12.

India's Naval Chief, Admiral Madhavendra Singh will be the new Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. He will take up the new assignment on December 31, 2002, following the retirement of Army Chief, General S. Padmanabhan.

– Digest : New post for Navy Chief. *Hindu*. December 25, 2002 : 1.

Madhu Sudan

Madhu Sudan, an India-born Computer Scientist, working at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has won the Nevanlinna Prize for 2002 at the International Mathematical Union (IMU) in Beijing. Chennai born Madhu Sudan is an alumnus of IIT (Delhi) from where he did his bachelor's degree in computer science. He won the award for his contributions made to error-correcting codes, probabilistically checkable proofs and to non-approximability of optimisation problems.

- Award for Scientist. *Hindu*. August 21, 2002 : 1.
- Nadkarne, Vithal C. Indian computer whiz-kid wins maths award. *Times of India*. August 23, 2002 : 7.

Madhvankutty, V.K.

Veteran journalist Mr. V.K. Madhvankutty has been selected for the prestigious Swadeshabhimani Ramakrishna Pillai Award for 2002. An author of several books, Madhvankutty was founder director of the Asianet television company. He was the Delhi Chief of the Malayalam newspaper *Matharabhumi* for a number of years.

- Swadeshabhimani Award for scribe. *Tribune*. October 9, 2002 : 8.

Mahajan, Pramod

Mr. Pramod Mahajan, Information Technology, Telecommunications and Parliamentary Affairs Minister, has been selected as the Dataquest "IT Man of the Year" for 2001. The award was announced by a special Dataquest panel. Announcing the award the panel said, "The 52 year old Mahajan has not only managed to push path-breaking legislation over the last year to help Indian IT strengthen its roots within the country, but he also helped establish the India Inc brand overseas".

- Mahajan named 'IT Man of the Year'. *Tribune*. January 10, 2002 : 11.

Union Minister Shri Pramod Mahajan was alleged to be involved in the murder of the *Indian Express* principal correspondent Shivani Bhatnagar by Mrs. Madhu Sharma, wife of the Prime suspect and a senior IPS office, Shri Ravi Kant Sharma.

- Vajpayee, Advani support minister : Mahajan to she Madhu Sharma. *Hindu*. August 17, 2002 : 1.

Pargati Sharma, daughter of R.K. Sharma, demanded that Pramod Mahajan should undergo a DNA test to determine the parentity of the slain scribe's child. Mahajan did not respond directly but said that the father of the child is not making any such demand.

- Mahajan evades query on DNA test. *Times of India*. August 19, 2002 : 1.
- Shivani murder case : Sangh rallies behind Pramod Mahajan. *Times of India*. August 20, 2002 : 8.

The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shri Digvijay Singh said on August 23, 2002 that Sh. Pramod Mahajan should undergo a DNA test following allegations levelled against him by Madhu Sharma.

– Mahajan should undergo DNA test. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 11.

– Digest : Mahajan ready for any test. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 1.

The Delhi police gave a clean chit to Union Minister Pramod Mahajan in the Shivani Bhatnagar murder case and ruled out questioning him, on August 24, 2002.

– Delhi police not to quiz Mahajan. *Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 10.

The Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology Mr. Pramod Mahajan on September 25, 2002 mooted a proposal to set up a three member high level committee to address telecom related issues in India such as revenue sharing and better allocation of spectrum. He made this proposal after inaugurating the two-day Nasscom-Gartner Summit 2002.

– Telecom issues : Mahajan for 3-member panel. *Hindu*. September 26, 2002 : 18.

Mahajan, Vijay (Dr.)

For Prof Vijay Mahajan, who takes over as the Dean of the nascent Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, (ISB) the new assignment will mark a new phase in his career. As Dean, he will be responsible for creating future thought leaders of the country and will have to lead the institution through its next state of growth. Professor Mahajan, who hails from Jammu, holds the John P Harbin Centennial Chair in Business in the McCombs School of Business, the University of Texas, Austin. A graduate of the Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, he completed his Masters in Chemical Engineering and PhD in Management from the University of Texas at Austin.

During the course of his career, Professor Mahajan has researched and written extensively on product diffusion, marketing strategy and marketing research methodologies in many prestigious journals such as the *Harvard Business Review*. A widely acclaimed academic in the field of marketing, Professor Mahajan has made presentations at more than 90 universities and research institutions worldwide. He has been a consultant to both the government and industry and offered executive development programmes in the USA, Asia, Europe and South America.

He is the recipient of the American Marketing Association Charles Coolidge Parlin Marketing Research Award (1997), the oldest and most eminent lifetime award in the field for distinguished academics and practitioners who have demonstrated leadership and sustained impact on the evolving profession of marketing. In recognition of his achievements, the AMA instituted in 2000 the Vijay Mahajan Award for Career Contributions to Marketing Strategy to be presented annually to an educator for sustained contribution to marketing strategy literature. His doctoral students, co-authors and colleagues have endowed this award.

– Jammu academics is IBS Dean. *Tribune*. June 27, 2002 : 8.

Mahatme, Prajwal

Prajwal Mahatme, a student of Sanjuba High School, Nagpur was declared "failed" in the Senior School Certificate (SSC) March 2002 examination on June 10, 2002. He had scored high marks in all the subjects except Marathi in which he was awarded 24 marks. His parents approached Nagpur Division Board authorities with a request for retotalling the marks in Marathi. Upon retotalling Prajwal emerged the topper in the State with 96.66 percent marks and 94 marks in Marathi.

– Failed student turns the tables. *Hindu*. June 13, 2002 : 5.

Mahavir, Bhai

Bhai Mahavir, MP Governor leaves no opportunity to get back at CM Digvijay Singh. During the visit of President APJ Abdul Kalam to Bhopal, more pointed was his snub at the breakfast meet at the Raj Bhavan. There were only three chairs for Kalam, CJI B.N. Kirpal and Mahavir and none for Digvijay. If Mahavir is shifted to Mumbai, then it will be Vilasrao Deshmukh who would have to put up with the Governor's cold war tactics.

– Governing grudge, *India Today*. September 23, 2002 : 22.

Mahendra Kumari

Former MP and Queen of Alwar, Mrs. Mahendra Kumari, 60, died in a Delhi hospital on June 27, 2002. She was a former champion of women's pistol shooting.

Born in the royal family of Bundi in Rajasthan, she was married to the Late Pratap Singh, the eldest son of the former ruler of Alwar, Tej Singh. She joined politics in 1991 to successfully contest from the Alwar Lok Sabha seat as a BJP candidate. Prior to the shifting to the Congress in 1997-98, she has contested the Alwar seat as an independent candidate, but lost. She is survived by a son and a daughter.

– Queen of Alwar passes away. *Hindu*. June 29, 2002 : 5.

Mahindra, Keshub

Mr. Keshub Mahindra's inclusion in the list of recipients of Padma Bhushan published by the Union Government on January 26, 2002, has upset the Bhopal gas leak survivors. Mr. Mahindra was the Chairman of the Union Carbide (India) Limited, a subsidiary of the Union Carbide Corporation which was responsible for the upkeep of the pesticide plant in Bhopal where world's worst industrial accident occured in 1984.

– Sharma, N.D. Padma Bhushan to Carbide man irks Bhopal gas victims. *Tribune*. February 4, 2002 : 8.

Several Central trade unions, namely the CITU, the AITUC and the HMS, on February 10, 2002 expressed shock and surprise over industrialist Mr. Keshub Mahindra, having been chosen for the Padma Bhushan Award. In a joint statement these trade unions said that, as an accused in the Bhopal gas leak disaster criminal case, Mr. Keshub Mahindra should not be honoured.

– Trade unions resent Padma Bhushan for industrialist. *Hindu*. February 11, 2002 : 10.

Noted industrialist Keshub Mahindra has decided not to accept the prestigious Padma Bhushan conferred on him, following protests by several Bhopal-based trade unions and non-governmental organizations, saying Kehsub Mahindra was the Chairman of Union Carbide Ltd. during the gas tragedy in 1984. Mahindra said it was important to put "absolute sanctity of national awards above personal satisfaction."

– Mahindra's no to Padma Bhushan. *Tribune*. March 8, 2002 : 15.

Makhan Singh

Veteran athlete and Arjuna awardee Makhan Singh died in Chabbewal village in Hoshiarpur district on January 21. He was 65. He is survived by his wife and two sons. Known to be terror during his heyday, Makhan had the unique distinction of beating the legendary Milkha Singh in 400 m in the Calcutta Nationals in 1962. A former Army man, Makhan rose to fame after winning the gold in the 1962 Asian Games. Thereafter he was conferred the Arjuna Award but a tragedy soon after changed his life forever. Having left the Army, Makhan had purchased a truck to earn his livelihood at Nagpur but an accident in which he lost his leg, forced him to come back to Punjab. However, another tragedy befell the athlete thereafter when his son was murdered by a cousin over a property dispute. Makhan was heart-broken but his all time rival of the track, Milkha Singh, was a source of inspiration. According to 'Flyhing Sikh' Milkha Singh, Makhan was perhaps the only athlete whom he feared the most. "I owe my success to Makhan Singh", was all that the distressed Milkha Singh could say.

– Makhan Singh dead. *Tribune*. January 22, 2002 : 14.

– Makhan's death mourned. *Tribune*. January 23, 2002 : 15.

Makkar, Bhagat Singh (Dr.)

An Indian doctor based in Britain, Dr. Bhagat Singh Makkar, is facing investigation for offering to supply human organs to patients in Britain on the black market. Dr. Makkar (62) was shown on a tape recording of the conversation to have told the "patient" – an undercover journalist of the *Sunday Times*, that buying a kidney from India would be "no problem" the case was heard by the General Medical Council of Britain. Sale of organs is banned in India. It is also banned by the General Medical Council's guidelines on transplants and by Britain's Human Organ Transplant Act of 1989. Dr. Makkar was placed under suspension in December, 2001.

– Indian doctor faces probe : Offers to supply human organs. *Tribune*. August 30, 2002 : 9.

– Suroor, Hasan. Indian doctor found guilty of illegal trading in human organs. *Hindu*. August 31, 2002 : 12.

– Organ sale scandal gets murkier. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 1.

Malhotra, Haribaksh Rai

The President, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has appointed, Shri Haribaksh Rai Malhotra as Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court for a two-year term.

– Two new HC Judges. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 13.

Malik, M.S.

The President of the Wrestling Federation of India and Director-General of Police (DGP) Haryana, Mr. M.S. Malik has been appointed as Member of the Executive Board by the Asian Sports Federation. Mr. Malik would also act as a technical official at the 14th Asian Games being held at Busan (Korea), from September 29 – October 14, 2002.

– In Brief : Malik appointed. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 17.

Mr. M.S. Malik, Director-General of Police Haryana will head as Chairman of the advisory board in the Vigilance Bureau of Haryana. The advisory board has been constituted with a view to strengthening and expediting vigilance anti-corruption work.

– Malik to head VB advisory board. *Tribune*. December 13, 2002 : 3.

Malik, Yaseen

The police arrested senior Hurriyat Conference leader and JKLF Chairman, Mohammad Yasin Malik in Srinagar on March 25, 2002 and booked him under POTA a day after the recovery of $1 lakh meant for him from a woman, named Shazia Begum. She was arrested on March 24 at Kud while travelling by a private vehicle from Jammu to Srinagar. Mushtaq Ahmed Dar, an activist of the JKLF, was also arrested along with her.

Earlier the JKLF Chairman denied any link with the woman, but admitted that Altaf Qadiri, who had reportedly handed over the money to woman in Kathmandu was associated with JKLF.

During the interrogation Shazia Begum had revealed that the money was passed on to her by a Pakistan-occupied Kashmir based Hurriyat leader, Altaf Qadiri in Nepal to be passed on to Mr. Malik.

– Yasin Malik held under POTA. *Tribune*. March 26, 2002 : 1.

Officials in PMO, Brajesh Mishra and A.S. Dulat were against the arrest of Mr. Malik. But Home Minister directed the IB to arrest Mr. Malik if they have convincing evidence.

– When Advani put his foot down. *Tribune*. March 26, 2002 : 1.

Senior Hurriyat leader and Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front, Mohammad Yaseen Malik who was arrested on March 23, 2002 under POTA was released on bail on July 20, 2002 on health grounds but rearrested within minutes under the Public Safety Act. Under the Public Safety Act he is liable to be jailed for two years without trial.

– Yaseen Malik bailed out, re-arrested. *Sunday Times of India*. July 21, 2002 : 5.

– Yaseen freed on bail, rearrested. *Sunday Tribune*. July 21, 2002 : 1, 20.

JKLF Chairman and senior leader of All Party Hurriyat Conference, Mr. Yasin Malik was released on November 11, 2002, following eight months detention, from the Kot Bhalwal Jail in Jammu. He was arrested under POTA and rearrested under Public Safety Act.

– Bukhari, Shujaat. 7 CRPF men killed in blast : Yasin Malik released. *Hindu*. November 12, 2002 : 1.

– Yasin freed on Parole. *Times of India*. November 12, 2002 : 7.

Mallikarjun

Former Union Minister and firebrand Telangana leader, Mallikarjun (61) died of a heart-attack in Hyderabad on December 24, 2002. A five-time MP from Medak and Mahabubnagar Lok Sabha constituencies, he was a member of Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi and P.V. Narasimha Rao ministeries.

– Mallikarjun dead. *Hindu*. December 25, 2002 : 6.

Mallya, Vijay

Rajya Sabha MP and Chairman of United Breweries, Vijay Mallya on July 3, 2002 denied allegations that he had been defying the Enforcement Directorate's summons in connection with the alleged remittance of about $3 million to Britain without permission from the Reserve Bank of India in 1995.

– Mallya denies defying ED summons. *Hindu*. July 4, 2002 :13.

Mander, Harsh

Harsh Mander, the IAS officer who resigned protesting against the Gujarat government's handling of the carnage there, will receive the M.A. Thomas National Human Rights Award for 2002.

A release from the Vigil India Movement said that Mr. Mander was chosen unanimously by a three-member jury comprising V.S. Malimath, former Chief Justice of the Karnataka and Kerala High Courts, and former member of the National Human Rights Commission, Nittoor Srinivasa Rao, former Chief Justice of the Mysore High Court, and T.J.S. George, eminent journalist and managing trustee of the Vigil India Movement. The IAS officer was chosen from among 218 nominations. The award will be presented to him at a function in Bangalore in *August first week*. Previous recipients of the award include H.Sudarshan, Medha Patkar, and V. R. Krishna Iyer.

– Award for former IAS official. *Hindu*. July 2, 2002 : 11.

Manek, Hira Ratan

Kozhikode-based mechanical engineer, Shri Hira Ratan Manek (64), survived for 411 days on boiled water and sunlight, is helping the Americans develop a technique to enable cosmonauts to go without food for long periods. He undertook his record-breaking feast of sunlight at Ahmedabad, between January 1, 2000 and February 15, 2001. He is being examined by team of US doctors and scientists, as he has posed a challenge to conventional science and concepts about the limits of human tolerance to hunger. He has been invited to US under ''Project HRM'' to study his fasting technique.

– Parekh, Shyam. The man who survived without food for 411 days. *Times of India*. August 28, 2002 : 10.

Maneklal, Yogesh T.

Yogesh T. Maneklal, one of the sentenced main accused in the Coomar Narain espionage case, by a designated CBI court to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment on July 18, 2002. A fine of Rs.1 lakh was slapped on M/s. SLM Maneklal Industries Ltd., an export firm of which Mr. Maneklal was the Managing Director. Prime accused in the case, Coomar Narain, had died on March 2, 2000. The espionage racket, which was busted on January 17, 1985 with Coomar Narain's arrest, had shaken the Rajiv Gandhi government.

– Espionage: 13 sentenced. *Tribune*. July 19, 2002 : 1.

– 10-year RI for 12 in espionage case. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 12.

Mani, T.S. alias Kolathur Mani

T. S. Mani alias Kolathur Mani was granted conditional bail by the Karnataka High Court on November 28, 2002 in three cases registered in different police stations under various provisions of the Indian Penal Code, the Forests Act, the Arms Act and the Explosives Substance Act. All the cases registered against Mani pertained to his alleged association with the forest brigand, Veerappan, for allegedly supplying arms, ammunition, explosives and other material to Veerappan. Mani was taken into custody by the STF at Changadi forest in Chamarajanagar district on March 8, 2002.

– Bail granted to Kolathur Mani. *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 1, 11.

– Will face arrest in T.N. *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 1.

Forest brigand, Veerapan in his communication with Karnataka government through taped cassettes, demanded that Kolathur Mani be sent as the emissary to negotiate the release of Mr. Nagappa. Veerappan had sought Mani as emissary in four of the five cassettes sent after Mr. Nagappa's abduction. The

Karnataka Cabinet on November 23, 2002 decided to withdraw cases against Kolathur Mani, and send him as emissary to the forest brigand.

– All cases to be withdrawn : Karnataka Govt. decides to send Kolathur Mani. *Hindu*. November 24, 2002 : 1.

The Kollegal Magistrate Court on November 30, 2002 rejected the bail application of K. Mani and adjourned the hearing till Dec. 13, 2002.

– Mani's bail plea fails. *Hindu*. December 1, 2002 : 1.

Manilal

Manilal, coach of weightlifter, Satheesha Rai was suspended by the Sports Authority of India, on August 24, 2002 following a preliminary enquiry. Satheesha Rai, India's weightlifter, was stripped of three medals for failing a dope test in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester. Rai won two gold and a bronze medal in the Games. He was trained by Manilal.

– In Brief : Satheesha Rai's coach suspended. *Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 22.

Manjrekar, Mahesh

Bollywood director Mr. Mahesh Manjrekar said on November 24, 2002 in Patna that he plans to make a big budget fun film based on the lifestyle of RJD Chief Laloo Prasad Yadav. The name of the film is 'Padamshree Laloo Prasad Yadav'.

– In brief : Manjrekar's film on Laloo's lifestyle. *Tribune*. November 26, 2002 : 7.

– Balchand, K. Will the Laloo magic work for Bollywood ? *Hindu*. November 26, 2002 : 9.

Mankotia, D.S., Major General

Major General D.S. Mankotia (53), an EME Corps officer, died following a heart attack in Udhampur on September 1, 2002. He was also the Chairman of Army Public School at Udhampur.

– Maj. Gen. Mankotia passes away. *Hindu*. September 3, 2002 : 5.

Manmohan Singh

Manmohan Singh is one of the most-sought cameramen in film industry. An M.Sc. in Botany from Panjab University, he joined Film Institute at Pune in 1972. Among his course-mates were Shabana Azmi, Om Puri and Naseeruddin Shah. He started his career as an Assistant Cameraman of R. Karmakar in Raj Kapur's film *Satyam Shivam Sundram*. His first film as a full-fledged cameraman was '*Ahsaas*' of G.P. Sippy. He was the man behind camera in *Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jayenge, Machis, Lamhe, Dil to Pagal Hai, Darr, Faasle, Sautan, Lekin* and so on. He says that one requires a discerning eye to capture the required expression of the artistes involved in a scene. These days Manmohan is directing a film in Punjabi, *Ji Ayan Nu*.

– A revolutionary behind the camera. *Tribune*. March 26, 2002 : 2.

Manmohan Singh (Dr)

Senior Congress (I) leader and former Union Finance Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh was nominated as the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Jaipur based Institute of Development Studies (IDS). The appointment was made at the 46th meeting of the Board held in Jaipur on November 22, 2002.

– Manmohan Singh made IDS Chief. *Hindu*. November 23, 2002 : 5.

Mann, Simranjit Singh

President of SAD (Amritsar) Simaranjit Singh Mann, the only surviving grandson of Aroor Singh, the *Sarbrah* of Golden Temple in 1919 on March 30 at Amritsar sought an unconditional apology from the Sikh Sangat for honouring by his grandfather of General Dyer, the villain of tragedy of Jallianwala Bagh in which about 2000 Indians were killed on April 13, 1919. Mann said the honouring of General Dyer was the most unfortunate incident.

– Mann apologises on behalf of grandfather. *Tribune*. March 31, 2002 : 5.

Simranjit Singh Mann, MP and Chief of Shiromani Akali Dal (Amritsar) was permitted to cross over to Pakistan through Wagha Border to commence his lone pilgrimage to Pakistan for celebrating Baisakhi there at Dera Sahib Gurdwara, Lahore. He was allowed to cross the border because he had his diplomatic passport having visa to SAARC countries, while his six associates were not allowed to go to Pakistan because they were not carrying diplomatic passports.

– Defiant pilgrim Mann makes his way to Pakistan. *Times of India*. April 12, 2002 : 1, 5.

Religious sentiments carry more importance for Sikhs than national interests said Mann while talking to reporters of Amritsar on April 11.

– Religious sentiments are more important. *Times of India*. April 12, 2002 : 5.

Contrary to the official stand taken by the Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC), SAD (Amritsar) President, Mann has announced his party's decision to grant recognition to the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (PSGPC) while addressing a congregation on the occasion of Baisakhi at Gurdwara Panja Sahib, Hasanabdal, Pakistan.

– Mann plays PSGPC gamble in Pak. *Times of India*. April 14, 2002 : 5.

– Mann for Indo-Pak extradition treaty. *Tribune*. April 18, 2002 : 8.

Simranjit Singh Mann, M.P. and President of Akali Dal (Amritsar) defends his stand for the recognition of the Pakistan Sikh Gurdwara Prabhandak Committee (PSGPC) and says that it is not an act of sedition.

– Mann defends stand on PSGPC. *Tribune*. April 21, 2002 : 6.

Mann is not to extend support to SAD of P.S. Badal to protest against the alleged atrocities against SAD workers by Congress Govt. of Punjab.

– Mann not to support SAD stir move. *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 5.

Mr. Simranjit Singh Mann was granted bail by a Special Court on November 15, 2002 in an 11-year old TADA case.

– Mann gets bail in TADA case. *Tribune*. November 16, 2002 : 1.

Mann, Zora Singh

The Jalalabad police has booked Shiromani Akali Dal leader and MP, Zora Singh Mann, his brother, two sons besides 12 of his accomplice in a case of theft and assault and under the Arms Act. A case under Section 188, 379, 324/323, 506, 148/149 of IPC and Sections 25/54/59, Arms Act was registered against them on June 12, 2002 at the Jalalabad Sadar police station on the complaint of a farmer, Shaminder Singh. The accused MP Zora Singh Mann, his brothers, two sons and others have obtained anticipatory bail.

– SAD MP booked for theft, assault. *Times of India*. June 14, 2002 : 1.

– Court stays arrest of Akali M.P. *Tribune*. June 15, 2002 : 5.

– Stay on Zora's arrest extended. *Sunday Times of India*. June 16, 2002 : 5.

Manohar Singh

Veteran stage, television and film actor Manohar Singh (64) died in New Delhi on November 14, 2002 following a prolonged illness. He had been suffering from lung cancer for the past few years. Mr. Manohar Singh had a long association with the National School of Drama as head of its Repertory Company. He played memorable character roles in films like ''Daddy'', ''New Delhi Times'', ''Damul'', ''Ek Din Achanak'', ''Diksha'', etc. besides several television serials including ''Dard'', ''Gumraah'', ''Raag Darbari'', etc.

– Manohar Singh passes away. *Hindu*. November 15, 2002 : 1.

– News Digest : Manohar Singh dead. *Times of India*. November 15, 2002 : 1.

Manoharan, V.

An autorickshaw driver, Mr. V. Manoharan, was rewarded, on September 11, 2002 with a new vehicle for having handed over to the police a suitcase left behind in his vehicle, containing Rs. 12 lakh. Mr. Manoharan was presented a new autorickshow by the Chief Minister.

– In Brief : Remember, honesty still the best policy. *Tribune*. September 12, 2002 : 8.

Mansingh, Lalit

Mr. Lalit Mansingh has been appointed as the new Director-General of Foriegn Trade by the government on August 2, 2002. Mr. Mansingh was earlier, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce.

– Lalit Mansingh is D-G Foreign Trade. *Tribune*. August 3, 2002 : 8.

Maran, Murasoli

Doctors at the Apollo Hospital, Chennai put the Union Industries Minister Murasoli Maran on dialysis on September 29, 2002 as his condition continues to be critical.

– Spotlight : Maran critical. *Tribune*. September 30, 2002 : 1.

Union Industries Minister, Mr. Murasoli Maran underwent a heart valve replacement surgery at the Apollo Hospitals, Chennai on September 25, 2002.

– Specialist flown in to treat Maran. *Hindu*. September 30, 2002 : 11.

Ailing Union Commerce Minister, Mr. Murasoli Maran was flown from Chennai to Houston (U.S.) on November 14, 2002 in a special air ambulance jet for advanced treatment.

– Shankar, T.S. Maran flown to Houston. *Hindu*. November 15, 2002 : 13.

Marandi, Simon

Former MP Simon Marandi, and a senior Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader left the party and joined Congress on May 6 in New Delhi. Mr. Marandi, who was in the forefront of the struggle for the creation of a separate Jharkhand State, was one of the founder members of the JMM. The tribal leader announced his decision to quit JMM and join the Congress at a function, which was attended by AICC General Secretary Oscar Fernandes.

– Marandi quits JMM, joins Cong. *Tribune*. May 8, 2002 : 16.

Mascarenhas, Mark

World Tel CEO and marketing agent of cricket player Sachin Tendulkar, Mark Mascarenhas (44) died in a road accident on January 27, 2002 at Kharbi, 80 Kms. from Nagpur. He was on his way to the Kanha National Park in Madhya Pradesh. Mascarenhas, an NRI settled in America shot into limelight when he bagged the coveted telecast rights for 1996 World Cup Cricket. The same year he struck a Rs.28 crore deal with Sachin Tendulkar, making him the highest paid cricketer ever. A controversial dealmaker, Mascarenhas brought big money into cricket. According to newspaper reports he was also planning to start a global chain of hotels carrying Tendulkar's name.

– World Tel Chief dies in mishap. *Hindu*. January 28, 2002 : 1.

Mashelkar, R.A. (Dr.)

Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Director-General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), was given extension in service for a period of two years up to December 2004 by the Government on September 24, 2002. Dr. Mashelkar has completed 25 years of service to CSIR and has played a key role in its transformation into a user-focused and performance driven organisation.

– Biz-Bits : Dr. Mashelkar gets 2-year extension in C.S.I.R. *Indian Express*. September 25, 2002 : 11.

Director-General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and a renowned scientist, R.A. Mashelkar has been selected for the prestigious Dadabhai Naoroji memorial award 2002 for his significant contribution in the field of science and technology. The award comprises a cash prize of Rs. one lakh and a silver plaque.

– Award for Mashelkar. *Sunday Times of India*. December 29, 2002 : 7.

Masood, Rashid

Government of India on November 11, 2002 gave sanction to the CBI to prosecute Mr. Rashid Masood, Minister of State for Health in the V.P. Singh Ministry for his alleged involvement in the medical quota scam in the North-East. It was alleged that Mr. Masood had entered into a criminal conspiracy with the then Resident Commissioner of Assam in New Delhi and had given seats from the North-East quota to students on the basis of fake addresses.

– Govt. sanctions CBI probe against former Ministers. *Hindu*. November 12, 2002 : 11.

Mathew, Mammen

Mammen Mathew, Editor and Managing Director of 'Malayala Manorama' was appointed a Reuters Trustee on November 16, 2002. He is the first Indian to be appointed to this position.

– Mammen Mathew appointed Reuters Trustee. *Tribune*. November 17, 2002 : 19.

– Mammen Mathew appointed Reuters trustee. *Hindu*. November 17, 2002 : 13.

Mathew, Philip

Managing Editor and Director, *Malayala Manorama*, Philip Mathew, has been unanimously elected Vice-Chairman of the International Press Institute (IPI) at the general assembly of the Institute held at Slovenia on May 12, 2002.

– Philip Mathew is IPI Vice-Chief. *Tribune*. May 15, 2002 : 8.

Managing editor and director of 'Malayala Manorama' and 'The Week', Mr. Philip Mathew was elected the chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) on September 4, 2002. Krishnan Premnarayan, partner, Press Associates Advertising and Marketing is to be deputy chairman.

– Philip Mathew is ABC chairman. *Hindustan Times*. September 5, 2002 : 13.

Mathur, A.N.

Mr. A.N. Mathur was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Haryana on July 11, 2002. Mathur was earlier the Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Finance, Excise and Taxation, Revenue and Consolidation Department. He replaces Mr. L.M. Goyal.

– Chief Secy replaced in absentia: A.N. Mathur occupies hot seat. *Tribune*. July 12, 2002 : 1.

– Kalia, Sudhir. Mathur new Haryana CS. *Times of India*. July 12, 2002 : 1.

– Ahuja, Rajesh. Bureaucrats sore over sacking of Chief Secretary. *Hindu*. July 15, 2002 : 5.

Mathur, S.B.

Shri S.B. Mathur, an executive director of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has been appointed the chairman of LIC, on Aug. 16, 2002.

– Executive Digest : Mathur appointed new LIC Chairman. *Times of India*. August 16, 2002 : 15.

Mr. Sunil Behari Mathur took over charge as the Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation on August 16.

– Biz briefs : New LIC Chief. *Tribune*. August 17, 2002 : 15.

– Mathur takes over as LIC Chairman. *Hindu*. August 17, 2002 : 16.

Mattoo, Amitabh (Prof.)

Prof. Amitabh Mattoo has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jammu by the Jammu and Kashmir Governor, Mr. G.C. Saxena. Prof. Mattoo, a Professor of International Politics in the Jawaharlal Nehru University succeeds Prof. Ram Sharma. Prof. Mattoo holds a doctorate in International Studies from the Oxford University and is a Visiting Professor with the Stanford University, U.S., the Norte Dome University and the University of Paris. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the National Security Council.

– Amitabh Mattoo, Jammu varsity VC. *Hindu*. November 15, 2002 : 11.

– Sharma, S.P. Row over VC's appointment. *Tribune*. November 16, 2002 : 1.

– Gupta, Sanjog. Interview : Recast education system in J & K. *Tribune*. November 23, 2002 : 11.

Maulekhi, Bachi Ram

Bachi Ram Maulekhi (89), a veteran freedom fighter passed away on February 28, 2002 at Almora following a heart attack. He was an active participant in the country's freedom struggle and was jailed several times.

– Freedom fighter dead. *Hindu*. March 2, 2002 : 5.

Mayawati

Bahujan Samaj Party leader, Mayawati is to be the next Chief Minister of U.P. She would be sworn in as UP Chief Minister at 10 am in Lucknow on April 30, 2002. Leaders of BSP and BJP met in New Delhi on April 25, 2002 and cleared many of the last minute hurdles in the way of government formation.

– Mayawati to be UP CM. *Tribune*. April 26, 2002 :1.

– Vyas, Neena, U.P. Govt. likely by Monday. *Hindu*. April 26, 2002 : 1.

The *Tribune* in its editorial under 'Return of Mayawati' says that the return of Mayawati as Chief Minister of U.P. means different things to different people.

But nobody is sure how long her present tenure shall be. May be a bit longer than the past two. "What should be a source of worry is the likelihood of Ms. Mayawati introducing populist measures for nursing her constituency. Dalit youth are likely to find themselves being offered specially created jobs. It is widely known fact that U.P. is among the states that are on the verge of bankruptcy because of the introduction of a series of populist measures and reckless spending by the political leadership… She had made unrealistic promises to the Dalits that she would like to fulfill for which the state would have to bear the burden. By the time she leaves, the economic mess would have become unmanageable. But who care? Not the BJP…"

– Return of Mayawati. *Tribune.* May 3, 2002 : 10.

Mayawati blamed the former UP CM regime for throwing the State in fiscal disarray by announcing 900-odd promises, the RBI overdraft and poor power supply in the State. Rajnath Singh, to whom the remarks were directed, kept his cool, but ...

Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan blamed Mayawati on Aug. 5 at Lucknow alleging that his party had information of conspiracy being hatched by Mayawati to eliminate State general secretary Shivpal Singh Yadav.

– Mayawati plotting to kill SP leader. *Times of India.* August 7, 2002 : 7.

By ruling out a fresh notification to constitute a Special Court to try the accused in the Babri Masjid demolition case, UP CM Mayawati has only demonstrated her inability to match words with action. During election campaign and even later, she had maintained that her party will not dilute its commitment to ensure the rule of law. Now her argument is that it is for CBI to decide on prosecuting the BJP-VHP leaders in a regular court as long as the investigating agency is in possession of legally sustainable evidence against them in Babri Masjid case. CBI, however, did not file an appeal against the Allahabad High Court Verdict, nor did it urge the State Govt. to rectify the technical shortcoming in the earlier notification.

– No new notification on Babri. *Tribune.* September 18, 2002 : 1.

– Enforce the rule of law. *Hindu.* September 20, 2002 : 10.

– Mayawati defends her Ayodhya stand. *Times of India.* September 20, 2002 : 8.

U.P. Chief Minister Mayawati became the Chancellor of the Gautam Buddha University likely to begin functioning next year from NOIDA. Newly created Gautam Buddha Education Society is to set up this University. Criticising the move, BJP MLA and chairman of the Vidhan Sabha estimate committee Laxmikant Vajpayee said in the Assembly that it was contrary to the U.P. State Universities Act 1973, according to which the governor should necessarily be the Chancellor of the Universities.

– Mayawati's avtaar kicks up queries. *Times of India.* September 19, 2002 : 7.

Mech, Ramu

Ramu Mech, one of the top leaders of banned ULFA outfit was arrested from a private nursing home in Dibrugarh district. The police made this disclosure on September 23, 2002. Mech was a trusted lieutenant of ULFA Chairman Arabinda Rajkhowa and was heading the Eastern Zone.

– In Brief : Top ULFA leader held. *Tribune*. September 24, 2002 : 7.

– Digest : ULFA leader arrested. *Hindu*. September 24, 2002 : 1.

Mehla, Ishwar Singh

A practicing lawyer at the district courts of Kaithal, Ishwar Singh Mehla, was sentenced to four year's rigorous imprisonment for assaulting Ms. Shalini Singh, then a Judicial Magistrate (First Class) at Kaithal. He had entered the courtroom of the judge and assaulted her with a knife.

– Lawyer gets 4 yrs. RI for assaulting magistrate. *Tribune*. May 25, 2002 : 7.

Mehta, Arun

Mr. Arun Mehta (68) former Maharashtra Minister and a sitting member of the Upper House of the state legislature, died in Mumbai on February 19, 2002 following a prolonged illness. He had been suffering from a kidney ailment.

– Former Maharashtra minister dead. *Tribune*. February 20, 2002 : 8.

Mehta, Harshad (Late)

Late Harshad Mehta, the 'big bull', is the country's biggest defaulter on loans taken from public sector banks and financial institutions with an outstanding of Rs. 812·08 crore as on March 31, 2001. Mehta died on December 31, 2001.

– Harshad Mehta top defaulter. *Tribune*. March 20, 2002 : 15.

Mehta, L.M.

Haryana cadre IAS officer, L.M. Mehta has been posted as Secretary, Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India. Kalinga Trust Award winner, student of DAV College, Chandigarh and MSc. from University of Bath (UK) has served as Financial Commissioner and Secretary of Sports and Youth Welfare Department of Haryana from 1995 to 1997.

– Mehta appointed Secretary, Sports. *Tribune*. September 1, 2002 : 16.

Memon, Yusuf Abdul Razak

Yusuf Memon, an accused in the 1993 serial bomb blasts and the brother of Tiger Memon, has been granted bail by a designated TADA court on medical grounds, on February 28, 2002. Yusuf is reported to be suffering from schizophrenia since 1991. He was on interim bail since June 8, 1998.

– Bail for Tiger Memon's brother. *Hindu*. March 2, 2002 : 9.

Menon, K. Balakrishna

Noted freedom fighter and member of the erstwhile Travancore Assembly, Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon (89), passed away in Kochi on September 12, 2002. He was a member of the Indian Socialist Party of Pattan Thanu Pillai for a while before joining the Congress.

– In Brief : Freedom fighter dead. *Tribune*. September 14, 2002 : 9.

Menon, K.P.A.

Shri K.P.A. Menon (75), retired Defence Secretary and Chancellor of the Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth passed away in New Delhi, on August 27, 2002; following cardiac arrest. He was 1950 Bengal cadre IAS officer.

– Briefly : Ex-IAS officer dead. *Hindu*. August 29, 2002 : 4.

Menon, Sankarankutty

Mr. Sankarankutty Menon (93), veteran freedom fighter and stenographer of Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel passed away at his house at Oorakam on February 7, 2002. He is survived by two sons and four daughters.

– In brief : Mahatma Gandhi's steno dead. *Tribune*. February 9, 2002 : 8.

Merchant, Abdul Rauf Daud

Abdul Rauf Daud Merchant, one of the accused in the assassination of audio king Gulshan Kumar, was held guilty of the crime and sentenced to life imprisonment by the Sessions Court, Mumabi on April 29, 2002. Sessions Judge, M.L. Tahilyani, sentenced Abdul Rauf to jail terms ranging from three years to life imprisonment, on five counts. Rauf was sentenced to life imprisonment on two counts – Killing Gulshan Kumar (Section 302 of IPC murder) and attempting to murder Gulshan Kumar's driver Rooplal (section 307 IPC). Rooplal was seriously injured in the shootout but survived the attempt.

– Life sentence for Gulshan murderer. *Hindu*. April 30, 2002 : 9.

Mumbai High Court, on September 4, 2002, adjourned to September 11, 2002 the bail plea of 31-year old Abdul Rauf Daud Merchant. Merchant was sentenced by a Mumbai Sessions Court on April 24, 2002 to life imprisonment on the charge of killing audio king Gulshan Kumar.

– Convict in Gulshan case seeks bail. *Hindu*. September 5, 2002 : 5.

Middya, Probash

Probash Middya of West Bengal is one of the two Indian jewellery designers that were among the winners of the prestigious international jewellery design award "Gold Virtuosi 2" held in Italy. The other Indian is S. Sreenivas Reddy from Bangalore. Mr. Middya's award-winning design is inspired by the movement of sheaves of wheat swaying gently in a field while Reddy recreated the organic patterns of pebbles and shells in his design.

– Indians win prestigious jewellery design awards. *Hindu*. June 14, 2002 : 3.

Milkha Singh, Jeev

- Jeev's front nine heroics thrill fan. *Tribune*. June 15, 2002 : 19.
- Jeev makes modest start. *Times of India*. June 15, 2002 : 21.
- Atwal, Arjun. Jeev did better than many superstars. *Times of India*. June 15, 2002 : 21.
- Sports Digest: Jeev wished luck. *Times of India*. June 15, 2002 : 21.
- Atwal, Arjun. Luck was not on Jeev's side. *Times of India*. June 16, 2002 : 19.
- Jeev makes cut; Tiger cuts field. *Sunday Times of India*. June 16, 2002 : 19.
- Jeev finishes tied 62nd. *Tribune*. June 18, 2002 : 15.

Mir, Javed Ahmed

Acting chairman of JKLF Javed Ahmed Mir was detained along with the party activists by the police on October 8, 2002 in order to foil the plan of the Hurriyat Conference to hold anti-poll demonstrations.

- Acting chief of JKLF detained. *Tribune*. October 9, 2002 : 13.

Mirdha, Hadibandhu

Chief Justice of India, Justice Pattanaik, in an interview with English weekly 'Outlook' spoke on the recent controversy regarding the allegations of misconduct against the High Court judges of Punjab, Karnataka, M.P. and Rajasthan.

- Interview : "If I am prima facie satisfied, I will request the judge to resign. *Outlook*. November 19-25, 2002 : 28.

Chairman of the Orissa Public Service Commission (OPSC), Mr. Hadibandhu Mirdha has been put under suspension till the end of his tenure or a final order in this regard whichever is earlier. As per the official communication received in Bhubaneswar an December 28, 2002 the President has suspended Mr. Mirdha in pursuance of article 317(2) of the Constitution. Mr. Bibekananda Pattnaik, a memeber of the Orissa Public Service Commission (OPSC) will be in change of the OPSC.

- In brief : Orissa PSC Chief suspended. *Tribune*. December 30, 2002 : 8.
- Satapathy, Rajaram, Orissa PSC chairman suspended. *Times of India*. December 30, 2002 : 11.

Mirza, Sania

India's Sania Mirza won the $ 10,000 ITF women's circuit tennis tournament in Manila on November 17, 2002. She defeated Akgul Amanmuradova of Uzbekistan 6-0, 4-6, 6-3 to clinch the title. She is the only Indian woman to perform a hat-trick of singles titles in the international women's tennis circuit.

- In brief : Sania wins titles. *Tribune*. November 18, 2002 : 16.
- Sania wins third successive singles title. *Hindu*. November 18, 2002 : 20.

Mishra, Akhilesh

Veteran Hindi journalist, writer and critic, Mr. Akhilesh Mishra (79) died in Lucknow on November 22, 2002. He had worked as an Editor of Dainik Jagran Gorakhpur, Swatantra Bharat (Lucknow), Swatantra Mat Jabalpur and Swatantra Chetan (Gorakhpur).

- Mishra, Ambarish. Pyarelal all set for a come back. *Times of India.* September 23, 2002 : 7.
- In brief : Scribe Akhilesh Mishra dead. *Tribune.* November 24, 2002 : 9.

Mishra, Bhawani Prasad

A compilation of poems by eminent poet late Bhawani Prasad Mishra was released on Sept. 21 in New Delhi by well-known Gandhian Vishnu Prabhakar. MP Chief Minister Digvijay Singh was the guest of honour at the function.

- Poems of Bhawani Prasad. *Hindu.* September 22, 2002 : 4.

Mishra, D.K.

The CBI at Gandhinagar arrested D.K. Mishra, deputy commissioner of the income tax department on June 25, 2002 night while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs. one lakh form a city-based builder.

- IT official arrested. *Times of India.* June 28, 2002 : 11.
- IT official held for taking bribe. *Tribune.* June 28, 2002 : 8.

Mishra, Jagannath

The Patna High Court on January 28 granted bail to former Bihar Chief Minister Jagannath Mishra in connection with a conspiracy angle case of the multi-crore rupee fodder scam. Mr. Justice Narain Roy issued the direction to release Dr Mishra in this case after hearing the bail petition filed by him. The case was related to fraudulent withdrawal of Rs. 45 lakh from Bhagalpur treasury on the fake bills issued by the Animal Husbandry Department during 1994-95.

- Mishra gets bail. *Tribune.* January 29, 2002 : 1.

Mishra, K.C.

Mr. K.C. Mishra has taken over as Secretary in the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests. Mishra, an IAS officer of 1967 batch of Andhra Pradesh cadre was earlier a Special Secretary in the same Ministry.

- Takes over. *Hindu.* November 3, 2002 : 11.

Mishra, Manish

Delhi HC dismissed PIL on August 26, 2002 filed by Manish Mishra seeking transfer of Shivani case to CBI, saying that there is nothing to suggest that Delhi Police are not investigating the case as per law.

- Petition filed for CBI probe. *Times of India.* August 26, 2002 : 8.
- PIL in Shivani case dismissed. *Times of India.* August 27, 2002 : 1.

Mishra, U.S.

Mr. U.S. Mishra, a senior IPS officer from Orissa cadre, has been appointed Special Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). His appointment was earlier approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) after his name was cleared by the Chief Vigilance Commission CVC selection board.

– U.S. Mishra, CBI Special Director. *Hindu*. August 29, 2002 : 13.

Modi, Narendra

The *India Today* in its April 23-29, 2002 issue projects on its cover page Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi as 'Hero of Hatred' and writes: "A culpable Modi becomes the new inspiration for the BJP even as this offends its allies, infuriates the Opposition and divides the nation". In an article published in April 23-29, 2002 issue of the *India Today*, Swapan Dasgupta writes, "Call him a fascist or applaud him as the new Sardar, Narender Modi dominates the political agenda. He has galvanized the BJP, disoriented its allies and outraged the Opposition. Unrepentant about his own role, Modi has effected the biggest polarization since the Ayodhya demolition… To his manifold detractors… Modi is the epitome of everything evil and loathsome. He has been called 'mass murderer' and 'fascist, and compared to Adolf Hitler, Nathuram Godse and Ariel Sharon. Rashtriya Janta Dal leader, Laloo Prasad Yadav petitioned the President calling for Modi's arrest under Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA). A prominent English language newspaper carried the headline "Dial M for Modi, Murderer". A "fact finding by a women's panel", sponsored by an Ahmedabad Body argued that what happened in Gujarat after Godhra incident "clearly indicates genocide" with State complicity and was, therefore, justiciable in the International Court of Justice. Modi by implication is India's Slobodan Milosevic – the Serbian leader now on trial for crimes against humanity"… Modi should receive the Pol Pot Award for humanitarianism". – Shiv Vishvanathan, a renowned Sociologist.

- Mahurkar, Uday. Sins of Modi. *India Today*. March 12-18, 2002 : 31, 37.
- Mahrukar, Uday. RSS Pointman. *India Today*. March 19-25, 2002 : 48.
- Mahurkar, Uday. The untouchable. *India Today*. April 2-8, 2002 : 38-40.
- PM disturbed at Modi's invincibility. *Tribune*. April 6, 2002 : 1-14.
- Modi as CM is part of what has gone wrong in Gujarat. *Tribune*. April 6, 2002 : 11.
- Modi must go: People's Front. *Tribune*. April 10, 2002 : 20.

Narendra Modi offers to resigns from the post of Chief Minister of Gujarat on April 12, 2002 following incessant criticism of his handling of the communally charged situation in his State. Offer of resignation was made at the BJP's national executive meeting at Goa.

Party's national executive on April 12, 2002 rejected his offer of resignation, while asking him to seek dissolution of the state assembly and opt for a fresh mandate.

- Dissolve assembly, Modi told. *Times of India*. April 13, 2002 : 1.
- Narendra Modi to stay as Gujarat CM. *Hindu*. April 13, 2002 : 1.
- Dasgupta, Manas. Modi has the last laugh. *Hindu*. April 14, 2002 : 8.
- BJP buckling under Modi's threat. *Hindu*. April 14, 2002 : 8.
- Goa Congress Chief criticizes Modi. *Times of India*. April 14, 2002 : 6.
- Detain PM under Pota, syas Azad. *Time of India*. April 14, 2002 : 7.
- Modi's offer a masterstroke, feel BJP leaders. *Times of India*. April 14, 2002 : 9.

Gujarat issue rocked both Houses of Parliament on April 15, 2002 as the members of Opposition unitedly demanded Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi's resignation. Telugu Desam Party an ally of the ruling NDA government of the center joined hands with the opposition in demanding Modi's removal. Proceedings of both Houses were adjourned frequently.

- Quit Call to Modi, Parliament stalled. *Times of India*. April 16, 2002 : 1.
- I will not ask Modi to quit, says Badal. *Times of India*. April 16, 2002 : 1.
- TDP firm on Modi's removal. *Tribune*. April 16, 2002 : 16.
- Editorial: Encashing Fear. *Times of India*. April 16, 2002 : 10.
- People's front begins stir for Modi's dismissal. *Tribune*. April 18, 2002 : 8.
- Jaya joins oust Modi campaign; Naidu firm on stand. *Tribune*. April 18, 2002 : 1.
- NDA hardens stand on Modi issue. *Tribune*. April 18, 2002 : 1.
- Dasgupta, Swapan. Face of Discord. *India Today*. April 23-29, 2002 : 30-40.
- Narendra Modi : The horns of a dilemma? *Times of India; Sunday Review*. May 12, 2002.

Commenting on the desperate endeavours of the Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi to project himself as the new Hero in view of the imminent elections in the state, Uday Mahurkar writes: "Modi goes into election mode projecting himself as a multifaceted leader – the Hindutva hero, the techno savvy chief minister and deliverer of the poor".

- Mahurkar, Uday. Populist pitch. *India Today*. July 2-8, 2002 : 26-27.
- Editorial: Restoring Gujarat's image. *Hindu*. July 4, 2002 : 10.

Through a letter to Prime Minister Vajpayee, a group of political leaders and social activists have demanded an immediate removal of Narendra Modi as Chief Minister and his trial on the lines of Yugoslav leader Slobodan Milosevic in the war crimes tribunal. Signatories of the letter include among others, Mr. B.K. Roy Burman, Chairman of the Forum for Cultural Democracy, former

Railway Minister Madhu Dandavate, former MP Surendra Mohan, Sarva Seva Sangh President Amarnath Bhai and Sarvodaya Samaj convener R.C. Rahi.

– Milosevic-like trial for Modi sought. *Tribune*. July 5, 2002 : 7.

Commenting on the contribution of the Chief Minister, Narendra Modi to the state of BJP in Gujarat, Manas Dasgupta writes: "The Gujarat Chief Minister, Narendra Modi, has brought the BJP back from near oblivion in the State to a position of 'strength' from where it can hope to return to power. He has 'served' his party well".

– Dasgupta, Manas. BJP gains, Gujarat loses. *Hindu*. July 7, 2002 : 17.

Commenting on Narednra Modi's 'rath yatra' in the highly surcharged communal scenario in Gujarat an editorial in the *Hindu* 'Restoring Gujarat's image' writes:

Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi tendered the resignation of his council of ministers and recommended the dissolution of the State Assembly on July 19, 2002, to go in for mid-term poll. Modi, however, would continue as the caretaker Chief Minister.

– Modi resigns, calls for polls. *The Times of India*. July 20, 2002 : 1.

– Gujarat Assembly dissolved. *Tribune*. July 20, 2002 : 1.

Commenting on Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi's decision to recommend dissolution of state legislature and call for fresh election in the state, an editorial in the *Times of India* dated July 22, 2002 titled "Poll Proprieties' writes: From the time Gujarat went up in flames in the aftermath of Godhra, nearly five months ago, Chief Minister Narendra Modi has made no secret of the fact that he is more interested in 'capitalising' on the violence - by holding snap polls – than in restoring peace. Many in the State BJP are convinced that the "communal polarisation" unleashed by the carnage represents their best chance of returning to power after four-and-a-half years of dismal governance. Yet if Mr. Modi had been unable to take the plunge so far, it had to do with his inability to control the violence…..In the circumstances, the EC cannot "automatically" accede to Mr. Modi's wish. It must make an independent assessment of the situation on the ground. Should the Commission decide that conditions are not right for the conduct of free and fair elections, it cannot but reject Mr. Modi's cynical gambit".

– Quraishi, Humra. Modi's decision on holding elections not surprising. *Tribune*. July 21, 2002 : 13.

– Editorial : A sinister gameplan. *Hindu*. July 22, 2002 : 10.

– Editorial : Poll proprieties. *Times of India*. July 22, 2002 : 14.

Ganguli, Amulya. Narendra Modi's 'formula' for electoral success is not-foolproof. Monsters ball. *Hindustan Times*. July 30, 2002 : 12.

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen, held the Narendra Modi Government responsible for the communal violence in Gujarat. Addressing a news conference Prof. Sen said, ''What happened in Gujarat is a monstrous act. There was an attempt to incite a section of the population against another with political motivation''.

– Amartya Sen blames Modi Govt. for violence. *Hindu*. August 17, 2002 : 13.

Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack against the Chief Election Commissioner J.M. Lyngdoh, for refusing to comply with his demand for early elections to the State Assembly.

– Dasgupta, Manas. Modi launches tirade against CEC. *Hindu*. August 23, 2002 : 11.

– Modi's remarks on CEC draw flak. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 1.

– Modi's tirade against CEC 'outrageous'. *Tribune*. August 24, 2002 : 8.

– Bhagwat, Ramu. Joshi criticises Modi's attack on Lyngdoh. *Times of India*. August 24, 2002 : 10.

Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee on August 24, 2002 pulled up CM Narendra Modi for using 'improper language' and making 'indecorous insinuations' against the Election Commission for its decision to postpone assembly elections in Gujarat State.

– PM pulls up Modi for anti-Lyngdoh remarks. *Times of India*. August 26, 2002 : 7.

– Gaurav Yatra postponed. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 8.

Commenting on the Gujarat Chief Minister Modi's plan to conduct the 'Gaurav Rath Yatra', an editorial in the *Hindu* titled, Modi's Agenda comments : ... Mr. Modi's end game–to drive the members of the minority community into a permanent state of insecurity and to capitalise on the so called "strong Hindu wave" the Sangh Parivar elements had helped generate across Gujarat in the aftermath of the Godhra carnage – was clear right from the time when he first announced his plans to ride on a 'rath'.

– Editorial : Modi's Agenda. *Hindu*. September 3, 2002 : 10.

– Editorial : Poll can wait, Mr. Modi must go. *Hindu*. September 4, 2002 : 10.

– Narendra Modi at his inflammatory best. *Hindustan Times*. September 10, 2002 : 11.

During the gaurav yatra at Bechraji on September 9, it was alleged that Gujarat CM Narendra Modi had attacked the Muslims for the population boom and asked whether the relief camps needed to be maintained only to produce babies. Modi was also quoted as saying ''Their family planning slogan is – We five and ours twenty five. He also criticised the Congress for opposing the flowing in of the Narmada waters during the month of *Shravan* and asked whether the party would have liked to bring the waters in the month of Ramzan. The Gujarat Govt. on September 15 went into a damage control mode even as his statement came into sharp focus. BJP said that the tapes are doctored and this is the conspiracy of anti-Gujarat forces and the Congress.

– TV channels expose the Modi tapes. *Times of India*. September 16, 2002 : 1.

– Modi 'anti-minority' speech aired. *Tribune*. September 16, 2002 : 8.

– Modi's 'hum paanch, hamare pachchis' on tape. *Tribune*. September 21, 2002 : 8.

– Continued provocation. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 10.

In an editorial written in the wake of attack on devotees in the Akshardham temple complex, the *Tribune* says : ''Narendra Modi has been more preoccupied with his Gaurav Yatra than addressing himself to the State's problems. His priorities should have been law and order, correct intelligence flow and prompt rehabilitation of the riot affected. Apparently, he and his administration were busy with his Gaurav Yatra. The moot question is : Gaurav yatra for whom for what ?....... The failure of Modi government is total. No excuses can be entertained on this count. He has lost the moral authority to rule the State which was once the pride of the nation ....''

– Jaisingh, Hari. Modi's Gujarat : Whose failure is this ? *Tribune*. September 26, 2002 : 1.

– Advani defends Modi's Gaurav Yatra. *Tribune*. October 9, 2002 : 8.

In his article, 'Narendra Modi as Sardar Patel : An odious comparison, a strange claim' Mr. V. Gangadhar comments : ''The people of Gujarat must be extremely gullible to swallow the rubbish provided by the likes of Mr. Modi. How can anyone accept blatant half-truths, lies and distortion of history ? Can we imagine a noble soul like Sardar Patel heading a hate campaign to win elections ? Gujarat is already divided into two, with no meeting ground between the two communities. Mr. Modi's postures and speeches have only aggravated the situation, like his comments on the religion of the Chief Election Commissioner. This is something Sardar Patel would have never tolerated.

– Gangadhar, V. Narendra Modi as Sardar Patel : An odious comparison, strange claim. *Tribune*. November 13, 2002 : 8.

Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has abandoned his constituency, Rajkot II and will contest from Maninagar in the heart of Ahmedabad in the coming Assembly elections. Maninagar is considered a safe seat from the BJP's viewpoint.

– Modi abandons Rajkot, to contest from Maninagar. *Hindu*. November 20, 2002 : 1.

The Citizen's Tribunal on Gujarat carnage has indicted the Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, ''for crimes against humanity''. The report of the Tribunal was released in New Delhi on November 22, 2002. The Citizen's Tribunal comprised eminent jurists including retired Supreme Court judge Justice P.B. Sawant.

- Modi 'guilty' of genocide. *Tribune*. November 22, 2002 : 8.
- Mody, Anjali. 'Report not politically motivated'. *Hindu*. November 23, 2002 : 11.
- BJP slams report on Gujarat massacres. *Hindu*. November 23, 2002 : 11.
- VHP threatens legal action against tribunal. *Hindu*. November 23, 2002 : 11.

Mohan, Rakesh

ICRIER directror Rakesh Mohan was appointed as deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India.

- In the News : RBI's new Deputy Governor. *Tribune*. September 12, 2002 : 10.
- *India Today*. September 23, 2002 : 23.

Mohan, S.L.

S.L. Mohan has taken charge of Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Oriental Insurance Company Ltd. Earlier he was with the National Insurance and United India Insurance Company.

- S.L. Mohan is CMD Oriental Insurance. *Times of India*. June 25, 2002 : 3.
- *Tribune*. June 26, 2002 : 15.

Mohanty, Pradeep Kumar

Mohanty has been appointed as an Additional Judge of the Orissa High Court by the President Mr. K.R. Narayanan.

- New H.C. Judges. *Hindu*. March 2, 2002 : 1.

Mooshahary, Ranjit Shekhar

Mr. Ranjit S. Mooshahary, an IPS officer of Kerala cadre took over as the Director-General of the National Security Guards (NSG) in New Delhi on February 13, 2002.

- In Brief : Mooshahary takes over as NSG Chief. *Tribune*. February 14, 2002 : 8.

Mukarji, Nirmal

Former Governor of Punjab, Mr. Nirmal Mukarji (81) died in New Delhi after a prolonged illness on August 29, 2002. An ICS officer, Mr. Mukarji was the Governor of Punjab from December 8, 1989 to June 11, 1990.

- Former Governor Mukarji dead. *Tribune*. August 30, 2002 : 1.
- Malhotra, Inder. Capital Talk : An outstanding civil servant. *Hindu*. September 4, 2002 : 12.
- Dave, P.K. and K. Subramanyam. Nirmal Mukarji : a quiet, self-effacing civil servant. *Tribune*. September 9, 2002 : 11.

Mukesh Kumar

Mukesh Kumar completed a hat-trick of wins when he won the Cotton City Open at the par 72, 6793-Yard Coimbatore Golf Club in Coimbatore on September 21, 2002. His three in a row was the first since 1988 achieved by Brandon de Souza.

– Hat-trick of wins for Mukesh Kumar. *Hindu*. September 22, 2002 : 22.

Mukherjee, Anil

All India Forward Bloc leader and Deputy Speaker of West Bengal Assembly. Mr. Anil Mukherjee (72) died of cancer on February 17, 2002. He is survived by his wife.

– In brief : Deputy Speaker of Bengal house dead. *Tribune*. February 18, 2002 : 8.

Mukherjee, Madhabi

Renowned film actress of yesteryears Madhabi Mukherjee has bid adieu to politics as also terminated her alliance with the Trinamool Congress. She made headlines by taking on West Bengal Chief Minister Mr. Buddhadev Bhattacharjee in the last Assembly polls. Madhabi said ''I'm not meant for politics. I'm disgusted with the rampant factionalism, pettiness and squabbles associated with it.''

– In brief : Actress Madhabi quits politics. *Tribune*. February 15, 2002 : 8.

Mukherjee, Raghu

– Ali, Nayare. Internationl call. Men & women : *Sunday Times of India*. November 17, 2002 : 2-3.

Mukherjee, S.

Mr. S. Mukherjee was on January 16, 2002 sworn in as Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice S.B. Sinha. With this the Bench strength of the Delhi High Court has gone up to 33.

– In brief : Mukherjee sworn in Additional Judge. *Tribune*. January 17, 2002 : 6.

Mukherjee, Satyabrata

BJP Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Satyabrata Mukherjee, was accused by a CPM Member of Parliament on March 26, 2002 of making international sexline calls worth lakhs of public money and demanded his resignation. Rajya Sabha Member Biplab Dasgupta wrote a letter to the Prime Minister, Vajpayee and claimed that he had documentary evidence to show that the Minister in question had made such calls as an MP from West Bengal and later as a Minister in the Central Government. Mr. Mukherjee, however, categorically denied the charges.

– Minister using public money to make sex calls? *Tribune*. March 27, 2002 : 8.

Mulayam Singh

Samajwadi Party President Mulayam Singh met Congress President Sonia Gandhi on October 27, in New Delhi to seek her Party's support in upstaging the Mayawati's government in UP. Dr. Manmohan Singh, CPI (M) general secretary H. S. Surjeet and SP general secretary Amar Singh also participated in the meeting. No immediate reaction to the suggestion of SP by Congress was available.

– Mulyam meets Sonia. *Hindustan Times*. October 28, 2002 : 1.

Munchal, Palak

Nine-year-old Palak Munchal on March 8, performed a charitable show at Indore to raise funds for the treatment of children afflicted with serious heart ailments. This show was organised to celebrate the second anniversary of her philanthropic campaign. She sings at these shows and had entered the Guinnese Book of World Records for her unique campaign to help the children from economically weaker sections. She has also won National Child Award.

– In brief : 9-year-old sings for a cause. *Tribune*. March 13, 2002 : 8.

Munde, Gopinath

Maharashtra Government has withdrawn the security cover provided to the former deputy chief minister and BJP's national vice-president Gopinath Munde without notice. He was placed in the Z-plus category.

– Munde's security cover withdrawn. *Hindu*. September 20, 2002 : 13.

Murthy, Phaneesh

Infosys Technology Chairman Mr. N.R. Narayana Murthy on September 20, 2002 denied that he ever made a statement that Mr. Phaneesh Murthy would return to Infosys after the case with Ms. Reka Maximovitch comes to a conclusion. Mr. Phaneesh Murthy was a former member of the Board of the company.

– Controversy : 'We want a just result for Reka'. *Outlook*. August 6-12, 2002 : 60.

– Biz Briefs : Phaneesh Murthy. *Tribune*. September 21, 2002 : 15.

Muthaiah, S.

Well-known historian, S. Muthaiah, was awarded honorary membership of the Civil Division of 'Most Excellent Order of the British Empire', on March 7, 2002. The Award has been conferred on Mr. Muthaiah in recognition of his efforts to promote a wide and objective understanding of the past and his service to heritage and environmental conservations.

– In brief : British award to Chennai historian. *Tribune*. March 8, 2002 : 8.

Muthiah, A.C. (Dr.)

Dr. A.C. Muthiah, becomes the President-elect of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). He is the Chairman of Southern

Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC) Ltd. as also the member of the Prime Minister's Advisory Council on Trade and Industry.

– A.C. Muthiah President-elect of FICCI. *Hindu*. October 12, 2002 : 18.

Muthu, T.

The government has cleared the participation of Mr. T. Muthu the only male weightlifter to represent India in the Busan Asian Games. Muthu, who won a silver and a bronze at the Commonwealth Games, was given the green signal by the Sports Ministry on September 26, 2002.

– In Brief : Muthu cleared for Asian Games. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 17.

Triple silver medalist at Manchester Commonwealth Games 2002, Thandava Muthu finished seventh in the men's 56 kg category weightlifting event of the 14th Asian Games in Busan (South Korea) on October 1, 2002.

– W'lifter Muthu comes a cropper. *Tribune*. October 2, 2002 : 14.

Muthurarman, B.

Managing Director of Tata Steel Mr. B. Muthurarman has been conferred the prestigious Tata Gold Medal by the Indian Institute of Metals.

– Biz. Briefts : Tisco MD. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 15.

Mythily Rani

Premises of Mythily Rani, an Income Tax Commissioner in Hyderbad, were raided by CBI's anti-corruption branch on June 11, 2002. The largest seizure worth Rs.2.5 crore was made from her residence. CBI has reportedly seized Rs.1.5 crore in cash, Rs.73 lakhs in fixed deposits and jewellery worth more than Rs.20 lakh. Mrs. Mythily Rani is 1979 batch official of the Indian Revenue Service. Other senior government officials whose premises were raided by CBI in a major countrywide swoop are M.R. Agnihotri, Chairman of Oil Selection Board, R.A. Verma, Joint Commissioner, Income Tax, Jaipur.

– Nationwide CBI raids on government officials. *Tribune*. June 12, 2002 : 1, 12.

– CBI recovers crores in raids. *Tribune*. June 13, 2002 : 1, 18.

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Nadvi, Mohammad Rabey Hasani (Syed)

Syed Mohammad Rabey Hasani Nadvi, Rector, Nadwatul Ulema, Lucknow, was elected the new President of All-India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) at the 16th session of the Board in Hyderabad on June 22, 2002. 65-year-old Maulana Rabey is considered an authority on Islamic jurisprudence, and has authored several books on Islam. He is associated with a number of educational and Islamic organizations both within and outside the country, including the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, U.K.

– New Chief for Muslim Board. *Hindu*. June 23, 2002 : 10.

Nag, Kingshuk

Mr. Kingshuk Nag, Resident Editor of the *Times of India*, Ahmedabad and Mr. Bharat Desai, Assistant Editor (News) of the same newspaper have been honoured with the Prem Bhatia Award for Excellence in Political Reporting and Analysis for 2001-2002. The award carries a cash component of Rs. one lakh and a citation.

– TOI Staffers share Prem Bhatia award. *Tribune*. August 1, 2002 : 8.

Nagappa, H.

A delegation of the Janata Dal (United), led by its Chief and Union Minister, Sharad Yadav, on August 30, 2002 urged the Central Government to intervene in the release of the former Karnataka Minister, H. Nagappa. The delegation met the Dy. Prime Minister Shri Lal Krishna Advani.

– Nagappa's release : Centre's intervention sought. *Hindu*. August 31, 2002 : 11.

Dead body of Mr. Nagappa was found. Forest brigand Veerappan has killed him.

– Sharma, Ravi. Tragic end of a hostage. *Frontline*. December 21–January 3, 2003 : 21, 24.

– Menon, Parvathi. The sixth cassette. *Frontline*. December 21–January 3, 2003 : 25.

Nagi, O.N. (Prof.)

Prof (Dr.) Onkar Nath Negi, Head of the Orthopedics Dept. PGIMER Chandigarh was selected as the Dean of the Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research by the Governing Body. The other four candidates considered by the GB were Prof. R.J. Dash, Prof. Subhash Kumari Gupta, Prof. Sudha Suri and Prof. Sarla Gopalan. Though Prof. Dash and Prof. Gupta were senior to Prof. Negi but there was an enquiry against Prof. Dash and Prof. Gupta was due to retire within next six months.

– Prof. Negi is PGI Dean. *Tribune*. April 11, 2002 :1, 16.

Prof O.N. Nagi, Head Orthopaedic Surgery Department at the PGIMER Chandigarh has been nominated as a Trustee to the internationally acclaimed Association of Osteosynthesis and Association for Study of Internal Fixation Foundation, Norway. Prof Nagi qualified from Oxford University and worked in Royal National Hospital, London and the Nuffield Orthopaedic Department of Oxford University. He has more than 200 publications.

– Rare honour for Prof. Nagi. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 3.

Dean and Head of the Orthopaedics Department at prestigious PGI Chandigarh, Prof O.N. Nagi was elected President of the Indian Orthopaedic Association (IOA) for the year 2002-2003 at the General body meeting held at Patna (Bihar) on November 14, 2002.

– Nagi heads Indian Orthopaedic Assn. *Tribune*. November 21, 2002 : 3.

Nagpal, Lal Chand

Lal Chand Nagpal of Bhagsar village in Mukatsar district of Punjab, who was 103-year old, died on September 18 in Malaut.

– Centenarian dead. *Tribune*. September 19, 2002 : 3.

Naidu, Venkaiah

After facing adverse comments from the newspapers for having "grabbed" Dalit land, Naidu surrendered the 4·95 acres of land assigned to him in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh in 1978. Nellore district collector issued a statement to this effect on August 17, 2002.

– Venkaiah Naidu surrenders land. *Times of India*. August 23, 2002 : 1.

– Digest : BJP Chief surrenders land. *Hindu*. August 23, 2002 : 1.

The BJP President Mr. Venkaiah Naidu on September 25, 2002 kicked off BJP's countrywide 'back to villages' campaign in Gurgaon in Haryana. He urged the NDA government at the Centre as also the State governments to bridge the urban-rural divide.

– Singh, Ravi. "Back to villages" call by Naidu. *Tribune*. September 26, 2002 : 12.

Naik, Ram

An editorial in the *Tribune* comments : "The entire nation has been watching with dismay and disgust the naked show of political games of favouritism, nepotism and shady practices of the Union Petroleum Ministry headed by Mr. Ram Naik ... Digging out the old cases of discretionary allotment during Capt. Satish Sharma's time ... can not wash off Mr. Ram Naik's "sins". Nor can they cover up his failures in running the affairs of his ministry ... Mr. Naik's failures are glaring ... In the circumstances, the only "honourable" course left for Mr. Naik is to bow out of his stinking office with whatever little grace he might have been left with."

– Allotment of petrol pumps : Congress stages protest. *Hindu*. August 5, 2002 : 4.

- Decision on pumps raises BJP hackles. *Times of India*. August 7, 2002 : 9.
- Venkaiah orders internal probe. *Times of India*. August 7, 2002 : 9.
- More turmoil over petrol pumps. *Times of India*. August 7, 2002 : 8.
- Scam worth Rs. 2500 cr. : Cong. *Times of India*. August 7, 2002 : 8.

Ever since the petrol pump scam surfaced the Union Petroleum Minister Shri Ram Naik's role was subject to intense media criticism. Commenting on Ram Naik's role an editorial in the *Hindustan Times* comments :

"Since the scandal was exposed, Mr. Naik has been making terrible display of himself. Initially, his defence was that there was nothing awry about the distribution of petrol pumps. When faced with facts which clearly showed that those close to the BJP were indeed favoured he amazingly stated that he was not involved in the allotment process. Mr. Naik's shuttering have cleared nothing. In fact, they have all the signs of squirming after being caught red-handed ..."

- Editorial : Slick hits the ceiling. *Hindustan Times*. August 9, 2002 : 10.
- Jai Singh Hari. Time to bow out, Mr. Ram Naik. *Tribune*. August 11, 2002 : 1.

Nair, P.M.

P.M. Nair, Secretary, Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources was appointed Secretary, Department of Defence Production and Supplies, on June 21, 2002. Nair is an IAS officer of 1967 batch.

Nair, P.S.

P.S. Nair takes over as the new Airport Director, Indira Gandhi International Airport on July 5, 2002. Earlier he was the Executive Director in the corporate office of the Airports Authority of India.

- Briefly: New IGIA director. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 4.
- New airport chief to go ahead with changes. *Hindu*. July 9, 2002 : 9.

Nair, S.K.

S.K. Nair, Board's Finance Committee Chief was elected as BCCI Secretary. He ousted the incumbent Niranjan Shah 18 – 12, in the elections with one vote out of 31 polled being rejected. Sixty-five-year-old Nair after his election said : This is an opportunity as well as a challenge for me to work hard."

- ... Nair is new secretary. *Times of India*. September 20, 2002 : 13.

Nair, Sathi

Ms. Sathi Nair, took over as Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh on September 23, 2002. She succeeded Mr. K.K. Swaminathan. She belongs to the 1966 batch of IAS, was Chief Commissioner of Land Administration and Special Chief Secretary before her present posting.

– New Chief Secretary assumes charge. *Hindu*. September 24, 2002 : 6.

Nambiar, V.K.

V.K. Nambiar, who was called back by India as its High Commissioner to Pakistan after the December 13 terrorist attack on Parliament, was appointed as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations on April 30, 2002.

– V.K. Nambiar. *Tribune*. May 1, 2002 : 1.

Namboodiri, Badri Prasad

Badri Prasad Namboodiri took over as the new Chief Priest of the Badrinath shrine on July 1, 2002. He succeeds Vishnu Namboodiripad who quit as the chief priest on June 28, 2002. The new 'rawal' was 'enthroned' amid recitation of Vedic hymns.

– New chief priest for Badrinath shrine. *Hindu*. July 2, 2002 : 8.

Namboodiripad, Vishnu

Temple Committee of Badrinath Temple revoked the suspension of its head priest Vishnu Namboodiripad on April 15, 2002. According to the Temple Committee president, the decision to reinstate Namboodiripad was unanimous. Namboodiripad was suspended on January 12, 2002 for allegedly flouting Temple's revered traditions.

– Badrinath head priest reinstated. *Tribune*. April 17, 2002 : 7.

Nanda, Suresh

Mr. Suresh Nanda, an arms dealer has been fielded by the dissident BJP legistators as "their own" candidate for the biennial poll of Rajya Sabha, in Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Nanda would be dissident BJP's candidate for both elections–biennial polls as also the by-election.

– UP rebels field candidate. *Tribune*. November 9, 2002 : 8.

Nanhein Mian

Nanhein Mian, the main accused in the Godhra carnage in Gujarat was arrested in Rampur (UP) on October 16, 2002. Nanhen Mian alias Nikku Chaudhary, a dismissed CRPF constable was nabbed from the houses of his in-laws by the special operations group of the state police.

– In Brief : Accused in Godhra killings held. *Tribune*. October 18, 2002 : 8.

– Godhra accused nabbed in UP. *Times of India*. October 18, 2002 : 11.

Naolekar, Prakash Prabhakar (Justice)

Mr. Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar was on June 10, 2002 sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Guwahati High Court. Assam Governor Lt. Gen. (Retd.)

S.K. Sinha administered the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Justice Naolekar at Raj Bhavan in Guwahati.

– Naolekar sworn in HC Chief Justice. *Tribune*. June 11, 2002 : 8.

Narang, Samir

Samir Narang, owner of a steel strip plant in Bhiwani was kidnapped on Sept. 12 and a ransom of Rs. 2 crore was demanded from his father. Police on September 18 rescued him and arrested six criminals belonging to an inter-state gang.

– Kidnapped entrepreneur rescued. *Tribune*. September 19, 2002 : 3.

Narasimhan, S.V.

Mr. S.V. Narasimhan has been appointed as Managing Director of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (CPCL) by the Central Government. He was working as Director Finance. Prior to joining CPCL, Mr. Narasimhan had worked in Indian Oil Corporation for over 25 years, in various capacities.

– Narasimhan new MD of CPCL. *Hindu*. November 23, 2002 : 18.

Narayan, Deepak

The Engineer-in-Chief of PWD, Delhi, Deepak Narayan has been unanimously elected as the president of the Indian Building Congress (IBC) for 2002-2003. He has professional experience of serving in CPWD and DDA for 36 years, besides having served as an Indian Expert to the Government of Mauritius for three years.

Narayan, S.

Revenue Secretary, S. Narayan is to take over as the new Finance Secretary from August 1, 2002. A Tamil Nadu cadre IAS officer of 1965 batch, Narayan is the senior most IAS officer in the Ministry. Announcement to this effect was made on July 9, 2002.

– S. Narayan is new Finance Secretary. *Tribune*. July 10, 2002 : 1.

Narayanamurthy, N.R.

CEO of Infosys, Narayana Murthy has been included among the world's top 25 businessmen by the *Time* magazine stating that Mr. Murthy is one of the richest men and Infosys, the company he founded in 1981, was the first Indian firm to be listed on the Nasdaq. Mr. Murthy, says the magazine, has not sold his soul for money and success. One of the country's most admired men, he is vigilant about his employees' well-being, granting stock options, building exercise facilities and spreading values as much as wealth.

– Capitalist, but socialist at heart. *Tribune*. January 28, 2002 : 11.

– Persons in News. *Competition Success Review*. March 2002 : 170.

Chairman of the Infosys Technology Mr. N.R. Narayanamurthy, has been awarded the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration and Management Sciences for the year 2001. Announcement to this effect was made on September 11, 2002. The award would be given by the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan on October 1, 2002. The honour carries with it a cash award of Rs. 1 lakh, a citation and a plaque.

– Briefly : Award for Infosys chief. *Hindu*. September 12, 2002 : 4.

– Shastri award for Infosys chief. *Tribune*. September 12, 2002 : 8.

Infosys Technology's Chairman and Chief Mentor Mr. N.R. Narayanamurthy was named the Ernst and Young (E & Y) Entrepreneur of the Year 2002, at a function in Bangalore on October 10, 2002. Mr. Narayanamurthy would participate in the E & Y World Entrepreneur of the Year 2003, to be held at Monte Carlos.

– Narayanamurthy Ernst and Young entrepreneur. *Tribune*. October 12, 2002 : 17.

Narayanan, K.R.

President K.R. Narayanan on June 11, 2002 declared that he is not a candidate for coming Presidential elections. A statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan on June 11, 2002 set at rest all media speculations regarding Narayanan's candidature and clarified that he is not a candidate.

– Narayanan not candidate. *Tribune*. June 12, 2002 : 1.

An assessment of K.R. Narayanan's eventful presidential tenure.

– Muralidharan, Sukumar. Distinction and dignity. *Frontline*. 19(16) August 3-16, 2002 : 127-128.

Narayanaswamy, Kollengode Viswanatha

Well-known Carnatic musician and a distinguished icon of classical music, K.V. Narayanaswamy, passed away in Chennai on April 1, 2002 after a brief illness. Narayanaswamy was born in Palakkad in November 1923. He hailed from a musicians' family. Offering his condolences, President K.R. Narayanan hailed him as one of the finest musicians of the country who enriched the tradition of classical music through his scintillating performances.

– President condoles musician's death. *Hindu*. April 3, 2002 : 13.

Narayansami, T.S.

Executive Director of the Punjab National Bank, T.S. Narayansami has been selected for the "Best Banker Award" for his outstanding contribution to the banking industry during 2001-2002. This award was instituted by late T.A. Pai.

– PNB ED. *Tribune*. April 7, 2002 : 19.

Narendra Mohan

BJP MP and Chief Editor of a leading Hindi daily *Dainik Jagran*, Mr. Narendra Mohan (68) died at Apollo Hospital in New Delhi on September 20, 2002 following multiorgan failure. Mr. Narendra Mohan was a Rajya Sabha member from (U.P.). He was a former Chairman of PTI.

– Narendra Mohan dead. *Tribune*. September 21, 2002 : 8.

Nariman, Fali S.

Eminent Supreme Court lawyer and Rajya Sabha MP Fali S. Nariman has been selected for the prestigious 2002 Justice Prize of the US-based Peter Gruber Foundation. The second Justice Prize will be presented to Nariman on September 22, 2002 at Richmond in Virginia, USA. The award carries US $ 150000 and a gold medal.

– Fali S. Nariman bags Justice Prize. *Hindustan Times*. August 20, 2002 : 9.

Narlikar, Amrita

Amrita Narlikar, a research fellow at St. John's College, University of Oxford, UK has won the first Hodson Memorial Prize named after Harry Hodson, the late editor of the prestigious British Journal "The Round Table". Narlikar won the prize of $ 500 for her article "The Politics of Participation : Decision-making Processes and Developing Countries in the WTO."

– Global monitor : Indian wins first Hodson Prize. *Tribune*. March 6, 2002 : 9.

Narsimha Rao, P.V.

Former Prime Minister P.V. Narsimha Rao and former Union Minister Buta Singh were acquitted by the Delhi High Court in the JMM MPs bribery case on March 15, 2002 as the court found no evidence to show that they had discussed paying money to the MPs in a closed door meeting in 1993.

Justice R.S. Sodhi stated in his judgement: "In the case, the material particulars is the 'closed-door meeting' for which the only additional evidence is the money lying in the bank, which has not been connected with the appellants". Rejecting the reliability for former JMM MP Shailendra Mahato's confessional statement after becoming an approver, the judgement said: "It was incumbent upon the prosecution to corroborate this incidence (closed-door meeting) which is woefully absent.

– Rao, Buta acquitted in JMM case. *Tribune*. March 16, 2002 : 1.

– Editorial : Cases without guilt-edge ! *Tribune*. March 18, 2002 : 10.

In the March 15 judgement of the Delhi High Court setting aside the sentences of the former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao… In the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha MPs Bribery Case, the fight against corruption at high places has suffered yet another setback… Sadly instead of getting concerned at acquittal in cases of such serious charges of corruption, even three former prime ministers lost no time rushing to Mr. Rao to congratulate him… After having been acquitted already in the St. Kitts forgery case, it must have come as a big relief to Mr. Rao. But it was more a legal victory on procedural technicalities rather than on honourable grounds... The judgement clearly brings out that they were acquitted largely on account of the failure of the CBI... In this and few other cases, the CBI had not covered itself with glory...

– Singh, N.K. Setback to fight against corruption. *Hindu.* March 22, 2002 : 13.

Former Prime Minsiter, P.V. Narasimha Rao presents the first copy of his latest book '*A Long Way*' to the President K.R. Narayanan at Rashtrapati Bhavan on April 19, 2002. President describes the book as a "historic one", wherein Rao has written about secularism, non-alignment and removal of poverty.

– Narasimha Rao's book presented to President. *Hindu.* April 21, 2002 : 9.

Narula, M.L.

ACC Director and Chief Operating Officer, M.L. Narula was elevated to the position of Managing Director of the company on September 19 in Mumbai.

– Narula new MD of ACC. *Hindu.* September 20, 2002 : 16.

Mr. M.L. Narula, will take over as Managing Director of ACC with effect from December 1, 2002. Chief Operating Officer and Director (operations), Mr. Narula was appointed MD, by the company board on September 19, 2002. He will hold the post till October 2005.

– Narula new ACC MD. *Hindu.* November 29, 2002 : 16.

Naseem Banu

Hindi cinema's beauty queen of yesteryears and mother of actress Saira Banu, Naseem Banu (86) passed away in Mumbai on June 18, 2002. She starred in several popular movies like Sohrab Modi's *Pukar*, Mehboob Khan's *Nagma* and *Sindbad*.

– Spotlight: Naseem Banu dead. *Tribune.* June 20, 2002 : 1.

Naseem Banu, the original beauty queen of Hindi films died on June 18, 2002. Devinder Bir Kaur writes in *Tribune* on her.

Naseem Banu possessed natural beauty. She did not need to wear silks, satins and jewels galore to attract attention away from her face. She had the most gorgeous eyes – round-shaped, heavy-lidded, and large. There was such kindness, compassion and innocence that no human would fail to be attracted and fall under her magic spell. Naseem had a plus point over most beautiful women: she possessed the rare quality of serenity.

Naseem's entry into films was quite by chance. Her school had closed for summer vacation and she had come to Bombay with her mother on a visit. They stayed with a family friend. Every day she would plead with her host to take her to the film studios. Then one day she saw the shooting of "Silver King" starring Moti Lal and Sabita Devi. She decided that she would become an actress. She continued to frequent studios and got offers to work, but her mother turned them all down, for she wanted Naseem to study medicine. But Naseem was determined to pursue her desire.

Soon she got Sohrab Modi's offer of a role in his movie "Hamlet". She resorted to tears and hunger strike and at last her mother gave in. Naseem did "Hamlet" and became a sensation overnight. She returned to Delhi to complete her studies but found that she could not get admission to any college, for she had joined the ranks of film artistes. It was this attitude that made her seek a film career with a vengeance. She worked in "Khoon ka Khoon", "President", "Divorce", Khan Bahadur", "Meetha Zahar" and "Vasanti".

Then came the greatest role of her career. She acted in Minerva Movietone's "Pukar", the historical classic whose charm and popular appeal remains unchanged even today. Naseem played Noor Jehan and the grey green-eyed Chandermohan played Jehangir. Dressed in Mughal finery amidst artistic sets, Naseem and Chandermohan made a handsome pair of royal lovers. She gave a heart-warming, tender portrayal of the immortal Mughal Queen.

In "Pukar" Naseem sang her own songs. She had learnt singing for two years. One number of "Pukar" which is remembered even today is *Zindagi ka saaz bhi kya saaz hai....*

Another Minerva Movietone film was "Sheesh Mahal" where Naseem gave an excellent portrayal of a poor daughter of a fallen zamindar. She seeks employment to keep the kitchen fires burning rather than live on charity. Dressed simply with hardly any make-up, an edge of pathos to her soft voice, Naseem gave a portrayal that moved audiences to tears. "Sheesh Mahal" also starred the green-eyed, voluptuous Nigar Sultana as the glamorous, spoilt rich heiress. Between Naseem and Nigar the audience was presented with a rare visual delight, their close-ups being enchanting.

After reigning as the queen of Minverva Movietone, Naseem began her reign over Filmistan. Her first picture under this banner "Chal Chal Re Naujawan", with Ashok Kumar was a grand success. Another Filmistan hit was "Shabistan", a costume drama in which Naseem wore long flowing gowns.

In early '50s, Naseem, having crossed her 30th year, played the lead with such young heroes as Shyam ("Shabistan"), Rehman ("Ajeeb Ladki"), and Ajit ("Tarang") more than 10 years her junior, but the difference in age was not evident. Naseem's husband Ehsan had become film producer, and together they made "Ujala", "Mulakat", "Begum", "Chandni Raat" and "Ajeeb Ladki" under the banner of Taj Mahal Pictures.

With the coming of other starts like Nargis, Suraiya and Madhubala, established starts like Khurshid, Nurjehan, Swarnalata, Mumtaz, Shanti and Sardar Akhtar were pushed to the sidelines. Some later migrated to Pakistan. Naseem, Munawar Sultana and Nigar Sultana were the only three from the old brigade who continued side by side with the new breed of heroines.

Naseem then made a big mistake by taking up "C" grade movies like "Baghi", a swashbuckling drama, with a non-star like Ranjan. Another movie was "Sindabad" where she played a pirate or some such thing roles definitely not in keeping with her status.

Thus, by the mid-'50s, Naseem retired though she lit up the screen with a brief role in Minerva Movietone's "Naushirwan-e-Adil". It is said Guru Dutt offered her an important role in his "Pyaasa", but she turned it down.

Years later, in the '60s, after Saira was an established star with "Junglee", "April Fool", "Aayee Milan Ki Bela", etc. K. Asif was thinking of launching a movie based on the life of Empress Noor Jehan, with Naseem in the title role. She did not accept it. Other producers, when they came to sign up Saira, were enchanted with Naseem's well-preserved beauty and wanted to sign her up. She was reported to have said that she did not want comparisons with her daughter.

Naseem could have led a dull, listless life after retirement. Instead, she embarked on a new career of dress designing for Saira. Who can forget the sarees, with intricate embroidery only on the pallav, which Saira introduced in "Aayee Milan Ke Bela"? The tight salwar-kameezs with embroidery on the neckline and sleeves, sported by Saira in "Junglee", too were Naseem's creations.

Today, whenever "Pukar" or "Sheesh Mahal" are shown on TV, a new generation of fans get bowled over by Naseem Banu's rare beauty.

– Devinder Bir Kaur. Original beauty queen of Hindi films. *Tribune*. June 21, 2002 : 19.

Natarajan, A. (Lt. Gen.)

Lt. Gen. A. Natarajan has taken over as Adjutant-General at the Army Hd. Qtrs. in New Delhi from Lt. General S.S. Grewal who retired on April 30, 2002.

Natarajan, D.N., Air Vice-Marshal (Retd.)

Air Vice–Marshal D.N. Natarajan, (Retd.) has been appointed as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Hemawati Nandan Bhauguna Garhwal University on May 8, 2002 by Uttaranchal Governor Surjit Singh Barnala, Chancellor of the University. Natarajan was earlier the Director of the Institute of Management Studies, Roorkee.

– Garhwal Varsity V.C. *Hindu*. May 9, 2002 : 3.

Nautiyal, Nand Kishore

Mr. Nand Kishore Nautiyal, former editor of Hindi *Blitz* and a veteran journalist has been appointed as Chairman of the Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee by the Uttaranchal Government on October 17, 2002. Mr. Nautiyal is known for his keen interest in various fields. He has played an active role in the Goa freedom struggle as also the Uttarakhand agitation.

– Temple panel chief appointed. *Hindu*. October 18, 2002 : 5.

Nayak, Bibhuti Bhushan

Bibhuti Bhushan Nayak of Mumbai has secured a place in the *Guiness Book of World Records* for his deadly "groin break" feat–breaking cement blocks placed on the groin with a single hammer blow. Nayak accomplished the task in the presence of officials of AXN television channel and entered the official book of records on November 7, 2002.

– In brief : Navi Mumbai youth in Guiness Book. *Tribune*. December 23, 2002 : 8.

Nayudu, C.S.

Mr. C.S. Nayudu (88), former Indian Cricketer and yonger brother of the legendary C.K. Nayudu passed away in Indore on November 22, 2002 following a protracted illness. Born on April 14, 1914, Nayudu had played 11 Test matches for India and was one of the important pillars of the erstwhile Holkar team.

– C.S. Nayudu passes away. *Hindu*. November 23, 2002 : 21.

– In Brief : C.S. Naidu dead. *Tribune*. November 23, 2002 : 17.

Negi, S.S. (Dr.)

Dr. S.S. Negi has been appointed the Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan for a period of three-year with effect from March 26, 2002. He was earlier Director of the Central Institute for Sub-tropical Horticulture, Lucknow.

– Negi is Parmar varsity VC. *Tribune*. March 22, 2002 : 12.

The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Y.S. Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan (H.P.) said on April 20 that the emerging post –WTO regime market scenario warranted immediate steps for bringing the productivity and quality standards of fruit crops of H.P. at par with those of advanced exporting countries. Because of the varied climatic zone, H.P. is suited for growing good quality mango, litchi, grape, walnut and apple. These fruits can compete favourably with the produce of the other advanced countries, provided the presence of pesticide residue in these is reduced.

– Parmar Varsity VC eyes global market. *Tribune*. April 21, 2002 : 4.

Nengroo, Bashir Ahmad

Jammu and Kashmir Food Minister, B.A. Nengroo was on October 7, 2002 roughed up and injured by Army personnel near Army Headquarters in Srinagar following an altercation, over parking his car in a line.

– Minister roughed up by Army men. *Tribune*. October 8, 2002 : 6.

– Inquiry ordered into minister beating case. *Tribune*. October 9, 2002 : 13.

Netravali, Arun

Calyampudi R.Rao of Pennsylvania University is one of the two Indian scientists among 20 scientists who have been awarded the National Medals of Science and Technology (2001) by US President George W. Bush. The other Indian is Arun Netravali of Lucent Technologies and Bell Labs. America's

National Medal of Science and Technology is the highest honour any scientist could receive from the President of USA.

– Top US medals for 2 Indian scientists. *Tribune.* June 14, 2002 : 9.

Nigam, Rakesh

Minutes after the freelance liaison officer Rakesh Nigam denied knowing any of the defence officials named by him, Mr. Siddarth Aggarwal, Council of Venkataswami Commission brought out a report by the Special Investigation Team of the Commission containing out-going numbers belonging to those officials, including the Defence Secretary, called on Mr. Nigam's mobilephone.

Taking Mr. Nigam totally by surprise, the report contained numbers of both outgoing and incoming called along with other details such as time duration.

Mr. Nigam, in the *Tehelka* tapes on the alleged corruption in defence deals, had claimed in have bribed Minister of State for Defence, Harin Pathak with Rs. one crore to get through one of the defence deals.

– Tehelka case : Officer's lie nailed. *Tribune.* January 31, 2002 : 20.

Nigavekar, Arun (Dr.)

Chairman of the University Grants Commission said in Chandigarh on November 17, 2002 that the University Grants Commission will make it mandatory for universities and colleges to make reports of the National Assessment and Accreditation Committee (NAAC) open to public.

– Bariana, Sanjeev Singh. UGC wants varsities to make NAAC reports public. *Tribune.* November 18, 2002 : 6.

Nirankari, Joginder Singh

Rishi Kamal Ji, Joginder Singh Nirankari, a veteran missionary of the Sant Nirankari Mission died in New Delhi on June 22, 2002. He was 76. A special congregation was held on June 25, 2002 in the presence of Baba Hardev Singh, head of the Mission and was attended by thousands of devotees.

– Nirankari Guru passes away. *Hindu.* June 24, 2002 : 4.

Nirmal Singh

The BJP general-secretary of the J & K unit, Nirmal Singh has been appointed President of the J & K Unit of BJP on December 26. He succeeds Mr.Daya Krishan Kotwal who has resigned.

– Nirmal heads J & K BJP unit. *Tribune.* December 27, 2002 : 8.

Nizam, Sheen Kaaf

Eminent Urdu poet Sheen Kaaf Nizam has been selected by the Human Resource Development Ministry for the "Bhasha Bhartiya Samman" award. The award will be presented to Nizam at Mysore on August 23, 2002. It carries a cash prize of Rs. 25000/-

– In Brief : Honour for Urdu poet. *Sunday Tribune.* July 28, 2002 : 10.

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Oberoi, Mohan Singh

Rai Bahadur Mohan Singh Oberoi, a father figure of the Indian hotel industry, died on May 3 in New Delhi after a brief illness. He was 103.

Oberoi was born on August 15, 1898 in a small village in undivided Punjab. He was only six months old when his father died. After completing his primary education in Rawalpindi, he came to Lahore and obtained his Bachelor's degree. Soon after he found a job as a front desk clerk at the Cecil Hotel in Shimla. In 1934 Oberoi acquired his first property, the Clarkes Hotel and in 1938 he signed a lease to take over operations of the 500-room Grand Hotel in Kolkata. In 1943 he acquired the controlling interest in the Associated Hotels in India which owned the Cecil and Corstophas in Shimla, the Maidens and the Imperials in Delhi and a hotel each in Lahore, Murree, Rawalpindi and Peshawar, thereby becoming the first Indian to run a chain of hotels. The Oberoi Intercontinental was established in Mumbai in 1965, and later he established the Oberoi Maidens and the Oberoi in Delhi. His first international venture was the Soaltee Oberoi in Kathmandu (Nepal). The Oberoi chain today has business tie ups in a number of countries, including Egypt, Australia and Singapore. He also established the first palace hotel in Srinagar by hiring the property of Maharaja Karan Singh.

M.S. Oberoi was bestowed with the title 'Rai Bahadur' by the British in 1943 in recognition of his contribution to the Indian hotel industry. He was conferred with the Padma Bhushan by the Indian Government. He was admitted to the Hall of Fame by the American Society of Travel Agents, and the Man of the World by the International Hotel Association, New York. He was also awarded Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration by the International Business Centre, Buckingham (U.K.). The *Newsweek* named him one of the "Elite Winners of 1978".

- M.S. Oberoi: Zeal for life never flagged. *Tribune*. May 3, 2002 : 15.

Oram, Jual

Mr. Jual Oram, the Tribal Affairs Minister in the Vajpayee Government is facing serious allegations of demanding bribe in return for giving grants to the NGOs. A newspaper report quoted a purported Intelligence Bureau report that an NGO was asked to pay bribe to Mr. Oram for securing grant. Parliament witnessed uproarious scenes over the issue on July 19, 2002.

- Report on minister: uproar in House: *Tribune*. July 20, 2002 : 8.
- Uproar in Parliament over bribe issue. *Times of India*. July 20, 2002 : 1.
- Oram meets Vajpayee. *Times of India*. July 22, 2002 : 7.

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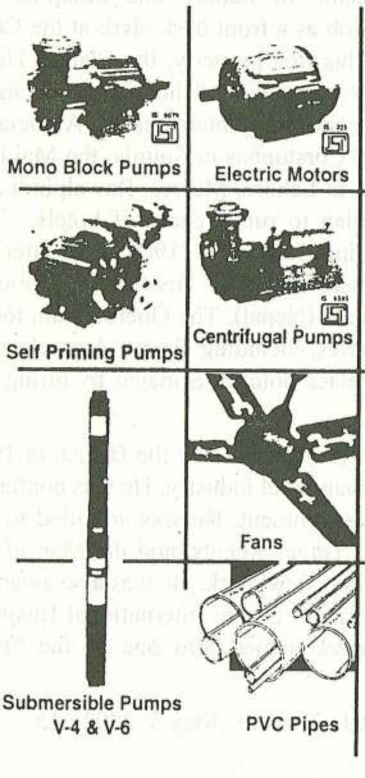

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Pachauri, R.K. (Dr.)

Dr. R.K. Pachauri, an Indian environmentalist has been elected Chairman of the United Nations' Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change. Dr. Pachauri was the Vice-Chairman of the Panel and he defeated its current Chief, Dr. Robert Watson of the USA by an overwhelming majority in an election held on April 19 at Geneva. For the first time a developing country would be heading the world body.

– Pachauri is head of UN Panel. *Tribune.* April 21, 2002 : 9.

Padhye, Sanjeev

Batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar on June 14, 2002 released a book titled "Achrekar Sir", a biography of his cricket coach Ramakanth Achrekar at the MIG Club in Mumbai. The book, written in Marathi by Sanjeev Padhye, gives a detailed picture of Achrekar's contribution as a coach to the game of cricket.

– Tendulkar releases book on Achrekar. *Tribune.* June 15, 2002 : 19.

Padmanabhan, S. (Gen.)

Delhi High Court on April 15, 2002 issued contempt notice to the Army Chief Gen. S. Padmanabhan for reconvening the court of inquiry into the alleged custodial death of a Naib Risaldar, despite an earlier probe conducted on court order.

– Contempt notice to army chief. Tribune. April 16, 2002 : 1.

– Withdraw troops from Gujarat: Army Chief. *Tribune.* April 18, 2002 : 8.

Chief of the Army Staff, General S. Padmanabhan, on September 11, 2002 opposed the prolonged deployment of the Army for disaster relief and other "menial" jobs. He called the state government to play a more important role.

– Troops not for 'menidal' jobs : Army Chief. *Tribune.* September 12, 2002 : 8.

Padukone, Prakash

Former All-England badminton champion, Prakash Padukone will head a 13-member selection committee to choose the Arjuna awardees for the year 2002. Padukone will be assisted by five Olympians, four Arjuna awardees, two sports administrators and a deputy secretary of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs as member-secretary of the panel.

– Padukone to head Arjuna Awards panel. *Hindu.* July 9, 2002 : 20.

– Arjuna awards: Padukone advocates transparency. *Times of India.* July 12, 2002 : 17.

– Ali, Nayare. The Master of the game. Men & women. *Sunday Times of India.* July 28, 2002 : 2.

Pai, P.S.

Mr. P.S. Pai, Vice-Chairman of Wipro shall take over as Executive Chairman of Murugappa Corporate Board (MCB) on October 21, 2002, for a three-year tenure. This is for the first time in the history of the Murugappa Group that a non-family person shall become the Executive Chairman of its Corporate Board.

– P.S. Pai to pilot Murugappa group. *Hindu*. October 18, 2002 : 16.

Palkhivala, Nani Ardeshir

Mr. N.A. Palkhivala passed away on December 12, 2002.

– Editorial : Death of a titan. *Tribune*. December 13, 2002 : 10.

– Kalam mourns Palkhivala's death. *Tribune*. December 13, 2002 : 8.

Palodkar, Manikrao

Former MP and Minister, Manikrao Palodkar (78) passed away at Sillod in Aurangabad district on May 23, 2002 following prolonged illness. Manikrao Palodkar popularly known as Manik Dada was the Minister of State for Cooperation in the Vasantdada Patil Government in 1984.

– Manikdada Palodkar dead. *Tribune*. May 24, 2002 : 8.

Panchmukhi, V.R.

Mr. V.R. Panchmukhi, former Economic Advisor to the Finance Ministry was appointed on February 11, 2002 as Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research for a period of the three years.

– New Chairman for ICSSR. *Hindu*. February 12, 2002 : 9.

Pande, Kamal

Mr. Kamal Pande, India's Home Secretary, is to be the Cabinet Secretary.

– Pande's elevation sparks talent hunt for Home Secy. *Hindustan Times*. September 10, 2002 : 9.

Union Home Secretary Mr. Kamal Pande will take over as the new Cabinet Secretary from T.R. Prasad on November 1, 2002. Pande is an IAS officer of 1965 batch, and will hold the position for two years.

– News Digest : New Cabinet Secy. *Times of India*. September 11, 2002 : 1.

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile : Pande–a tough bureaucrat. *Sunday Tribune*. September 22, 2002 : 11.

"In the present bureaucratic hierarchy, Pande is, perhaps, academically and administratively most brilliant. A product of Allahabad University, he topped in the IAS examination. He became an IPS officer at a young age of 20 in 1964 because the age for taking IAS examination was 21. He waited for a year and as soon he attained the age, he took the first opportunity and appeared in the

IAS, setting a record. An M.Sc. in Physics, he had also a stint at the Harvard University having obtained the Master's degree in Public Administration."

Mr. Kamal Pande, IAS took over as Cabinet Secretary on November 1, 2002. He will occupy this top post for two years.

- Pande takes over as Cabinet Secy. *Tribune*. November 2, 2002 : 8.

Pande, S.K.

S.K. Pande, the present Delhi Union of Journalists' President has been re-elected as DUJ President on June 23, 2002 in New Delhi. He had a comfortable victory, winning more than 90% of seats in DUJ by his panel.

Pandey, Paritosh

Paritosh Pandey, a crime reporter with the Hindi daily *Janasatta Express,* belonging to the *Indian Express* group, was shot dead at his residence in Lucknow on April 15, 2002.

- Scribe shot dead. *Tribune*. April 16, 2002 : 1.
- CBI probe sought into scribe's murder. *Hindu*. April 26, 2002 : 5.

Rajesh Kumar Singh, a professional killer, was arrested by the Lucknow police on July 4, 2002 in connection with the killing of journalist Paritosh Pandey. Singh has reportedly admitted his involvement in Pandey's murder and has also provided some vital clues about the killing.

- One held for scribe's murder. *Hindu.* July 5, 2002 : 5, 12.

Pandey, Pratima

Legendary folk singer Pratima Pandey (67) died in Guwahati on December 27, following protracted illness. She was known all over Assam and Bengal for her immortal Goalporiya Lok Geet. She won the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1989 and was conferred the Padma Shri in 1991.

- In brief : Folk singer Pratima dead. *Tribune*. December 28, 2002 : 8.

Pandey, Sandeep (Dr)

Dr Sandeep Pandey won 2002 Magsaysay Award for bringing Asha to impressionable minds of under-privileged by kindling the light of knowledge. He was selected in the Emergent Leadership Category. Dr Pandey, 37, is the youngest Indian to be honoured with such a prestigious award. Dr Pandey holds a Ph.D. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Berkley, California.

- Sharma Amit. Magsaysay winner spells Asha in UP. *Indian Express*. August 1, 2002 : 5.
- Mukherjee, Sutapa. Making a difference : The Magsaysay award winner sparks hope in these young lives. *Outlook*. 42(31) August 6-12, 2002 : 2.
- Swaroop Harihar. Profile : He gave up a lucrative career to help children. *Tribune*. August 11, 2002 : 13.
- Providing education without competition. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 11.

Magsaysay Award winner Sanjay Pandey said on September 4, 2002 that he intends to return the cash component of the prize which amounts to be $50,000.

– Pandey to return Magsaysay money. *Hindustan Times*. September 5, 2002 : 7.

– Samanta, Pranab Dhal. Award yes, 50000 Dollars no. ... *Hindu*. September 5, 2002 : 1.

Magsaysay Award Winner Sandeep Pandey has slammed VHP for exploiting the religious sentiments of the people and thereby communalising the atmosphere for petty political gains. While speaking in the Lucknow University he expressed the views that Indian people were basically "religious" and not "communal".

– Magsaysay winner slams VHP. *Times of India*. September 25, 2002 : 14.

He said. "He will court arrest at Faizabad on September 25 if the district administration refused to allow the National Alliance of People's Movement (NAPM) to hold a workshop there.

– Magsaysay awardee may court arrest. *Tribune*. September 25, 2002 : 8.

Pandey, V.K.

Mr. V.K. Pandey, an Inspector with the Special Investigating Unit of the CBI, was conferred the CBI Gold Medal for Best Investigating Officer by the Minister of State for Personnel, Ms. Vasundhara Raje on August 29, 2002. Mr. Pandey has probed several sensitive matters with political ramifications including the one involving murder of Shashinath Jha, Personal Secretary of JMM MP Shibu Soren.

– 35 CBI officers awarded. *Tribune*. August 30, 2002 : 8.

Pandian, John

Dalit leader and Tamizhaga Munnetra Kazhagam (TMK) President John Pandian was arrested at the airport in Chennai on January 20, in connection with a criminal intimidation case.

– TMK Chief held. *Tribune*. January, 22, 2002 : 1.

Pandove, M.P.

Eminent sportsperson and administrator, Mr. M.P. Pandove has been appointed member of the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC). His apppointment was cleared on October 5, 2002, by the Punjab Governor, Lt. Gen. J.F.R. Jacob (retd.)

– Spotlight : Pandove is PPSC member. *Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 10.

Former Chief Auditor of Punjab Cooperative Societies M.P. Pandove was sworn in as a member of the Punjab Public Service Commission on October 10, 2002 in Chandigarh. Governor Lt. Gen. (retd.) J.F.R. Jacob administered the oath of office and secrecy.

– Pandove sworn in PPSC member. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 3.

Pandya, Haren

Gujarat Minister of State for Revenue Haren Pandya resigned from Modi Ministry following differences with the Chief Minister Narendra Modi, on August 6, 2002.

- Gujarat minister Pandya quits. *Tribune*. August 7, 2002 : 7.

Senior BJP leader and former Gujarat Home Minister, Mr. Haren Pandya opted out of the contest for Assembly elections in Gujarat after being denied Party ticket. Denial of BJP ticket to Pandya followed virtual revolt by the Gujarat Chief Minister Mr. Narendra Modi who wanted Mr. Pandya to be kept out of race.

- Pandya opts out of contest. *Tribune*. November 26, 2002 : 7.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile : His tirade against Modi cost him the ticket. *Tribune*. December 1, 2002 : 13.
- Haren Pandya meets PM, Advani. *Hindu*. December 1, 2002 : 8.

Panja, Ajit Kumar

The All India Trinamool Congress Chairman, Ajit Kumar Panja, demanded in New Delhi on March 25 a high level inquiry into the claim of the party President Mamta Banerjee, that she had prior information about the December 13 terrorist attack on Parliament. He reiterated that he would support the POTO Bill and if given a chance, would also speak in its favour.

- Panja defies Mamta to back POTO. *Tribune*. March 26, 2002 : 1.

Pant, Girijesh (Prof.)

Prof. Girijesh Pant of the School of International Studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of Guru Ghasidas University at Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh. Prof. Pant who also holds the office of Associate Dean of Students at JNU, is a member of the Editorial Board of *International Studies Quarterly* and Vice-President of the Indian Academy of Social Sciences. Born on January 13, 1949, Pant holds Ph.D. in Economics.

- New beat for JNU Dean. *Hindu*. June 5, 2002 : 9.

Panwar, Jai Shree

Jai Shree Panwar (49), a Congress Party Councillor has been elected as the Delhi Mayor by the new House of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. She defeated the BJP Councillor Arti Mehra by a massive margin of 100 votes. She secured 116 votes as against Ms. Mehra who could get only 16. After her election as Delhi Mayor, Ms. Panwar promised to provide a clean and transparent civic administration in the Capital.

- Mayor elected with massive margin. *Hindu*. April 11, 2002 : 4.
- Panwar promises new look MCD. *Hindu*. April 11, 2002 : 4.

Paramhans, Ramchander Das (Mahant)

Ram Janambhoomi Nyas (RJN) president Mahant Ramchander Das Paramhans at Ayodhya on March 14, 2002 threatened to end his life if he is prevented from donating a *shila* at Ram Lalla's make-shift temple on March 15, 2002. He said: "My programme for tomorrow stands. As per the schedule I along with the members of the RJN will leave at 2.15 pm to donate *shila*. If we are stopped by the police, then I will consume chemical and sacrifice my life for the sake of Lord Ram and construction of Ram temple…"

– Paramhans threatens to end life ; adamant on donating *shila* at make-shift temple. *Tribune*. March 15, 2002 : 1.

Mahant Ramchandra Paramhans, Chairman of the Ram Janambhoomi Nyas (RJN), was the most photographed person of March 2002. A Brahmin of Chhapra and over 90, the Mahant has been very active in organizing purification rituals, yagnas, yatras and other religious ceremonies. He has also been an important figure in negotiations in the temple dispute and in his capacity as the head of the RJN, remained in the limelight on every occasion including Shila Nyas in 1988, and two years later when an abortive attempt was made to pull down the Babri Masjid, which was ultimately razed to the ground in December 1992. He is certain to remain at the centre stage in any future negotiations to find a solution to the temple issue in Ayodhya.

– Harihar Swarup. Mahant Parmhans just follows Ram Lalla's 'fiat'. *Tribune*. March 24, 2002 : 13.

– Shekhar misled ? *Tribune*. March 24, 2002 : 13.

Pardhan Kaur

Widow of former President Giani Zail Singh, Pardhan Kaur (83) passed away in her native village Sadhwan in Faridkot district of Punjab on May 11, 2002. She is survived by her son Joginder Singh and three daughters. Old age was said to be the cause of her death.

– Giani Zail Singh's widow dead. *Times of India*. May 12, 2002 : 5.

– Tributes paid to Pardhan Kaur. *Tribune*. May 22, 2002 : 12.

– From Sadhwan to Rashtrapati Bhavan. *Tribune*. May 22, 2002 : 12.

Parekh, Ketan

A Mumbai sessions court on May 20, 2002 rejected the bail plea of controversial broker Ketan Parekh along with Kirtik Parekh and Jatin Sarvaiyya. They were arrested on May 15, 2002 by the Economic Offences Wing of the Mumbai police on the charge of misappropriating Rs.83 crore of Mauritius-based company, European Investments Ltd. Sessions Judge R.B. Malik turned down their bail plea.

– Bail to Ketan Parekh denied. *Tribune*. May 21, 2002 : 11.

A Mumbai-based local court on May 30, 2002 remanded Ketan Parekh along with his two associates, Kirtik Parekh and Jatin Sariya, to judicial custody till June 12, 2002 for allegedly cheating a Mauritius-based investment firm, European Investment.

- Ketan remanded to judicial custody. *Tribune*. May 30, 2002 : 12.
- Ketan Parekh gets bail. *Times of India*. June 6, 2002 : 17.

Ketan Parekh had siphoned off the money allegedly acquired through multi-crore Madhavpura Mercantile Cooperative Bank Scam, not only to a Swiss bank but also to some other countries.

- More foreign accounts of Ketan detected. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 8.

Tainted stock broker, Ketan Parekh, was arrested on December 2, 2002 in Mumbai by a Kolkata police team in connection with Rs. 120-crore payment crisis in the Calcutta Stock Exchange. His arrest follows the arrest of the prime accused, Dinesh Singhania, Harish Chander Biyani and Ashok Poddar.

- Digest : Ketan Parekh arrested. *Hindu*. December 3, 2002 : 1.
- In brief : Ketan Parekh gets bail. *Tribune*. December 4, 2002 : 7.

Parrikar, Manohar

An I.I.T. educated technocrat turned politician, Manohar Parrikar, was on June 3, 2002 sworn in as the 17th Chief Minister of Goa. He will lead a 13-member BJP-led coalition ministry.

- Parrikar sworn in as Goa CM. *Tribune*. June 4, 2002 :7.
- Parrikar sworn in. *Hindu*. June 4, 2002 : 1.

Parthsarthi, Lakshmi Vikas Dabral

Hindi writer and poet, Lakshmi Parthsarthi (67) passed away in Dehradun on February 7, 2002 following a heart attack. He received several awards for his works including the Kalidas Samman, Kamla Devi Chauhan Puruskar, Nagendra Saklani Puruskar, etc.

- In brief : Hindi writer Parthsarthi dead. *Tribune*. February 11, 2002 : 10.

Paswan, Ram Vilas

Railways Minister Nitish Kumar on May 1 said that the Coal and Mines Minister Ram Vilas Paswan's resignation from the NDA at the Centre on the Gujarat issue was a "lame excuse", rather he was "upset" with Mayawati becoming Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister. "Mr. Paswan was never a politician of either left or right origin and always indulged in politics of opportunism" the senior Samata Party leader said, adding, "His resignation from the Ministry at the crucial juncture was an open testimony of this."

Mr. Kumar opined that Mr. Paswan, a "self-proclaimed leader of Dalits", was "unhappy" with the NDA government for a long time. "He was also upset with

Mayawati's emergence as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and a popular Dalit leader", the Railway Minister said.

- Paswan's minutes of fame. *Tribune*. May 1, 2002 : 10 (Editorial).
- Paswan did not like my becoming CM: Mayawati. *Tribune*. May 1, 2002 : 8.
- Paswan quit over Mayawati: Nitish. *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 8.

Lok Janshakti Party President, Ram Vilas Paswan on October 19, 2002 courted arrest along with other party workers, near Parliament House in protest against the alleged lynching of five Dalit youths at Dulani in Jhajjar district of Haryana on October 15, 2002.

- Spotlight : Paswan, others court arrest. *Sunday Tribune*. October 20, 2002 : 1.
- Atrocities against dalits in Haryana; PM should intervene : Paswan. *Hindu*. October 20, 2002 : 1.

Patel, Chair

Mr. Chair Patel (47) a non-resident Indian and a millionnaire businessman, has quit as advisor to the British Prime Minister, Mr. Tony Blair, on National Health Service reforms following an adverse report into one of his former company's nursing homes. Mr. Patel agreed to standdown as advisor from the Board of Help the Aged because of a report that exposed the neglect and treatment of 72 frail residents at Lynde House in Twickenham, Middlesex.

- Global Monitor : NRI quits as advisor to Blair. *Tribune*. September 23, 2002 : 9.

Patel, Jaideep

The Gujarat Vishwa Hindu Parishad general-secretary, Mr. Jaideep Patel was attacked and seriously wounded by two motorcycle borne youths who fired at him while he was travelling in his car. Mr. Patel's name reportedly had figured as one of the accused in the Naroda-Patiya massacre on February 28, 2002.

- Digest : Bid on life of VHP leader. *Hindu*. December 4, 2002 : 1.
- Gujarat VHP leader shot at, hurt seriously. *Tribune*. December 4, 2002 : 1.

Patel, Mangalbhai (Prof.)

Prof. Mangalbhai Patel was unanimously elected as the Speaker of Gujarat Legislative Assembly on December 27. His name was proposed by Chief Minister Mr. Narendra Modi and seconded by Leader of Opposition Mr. Amarsinh Choudhary.

- In brief : Mangalbhai Patel elected Speaker. *Tribune*. December 28, 2002 : 8.

Patel, Mukesh

Noted industrialist and Nationalist Congress Party's Rajya Sabha member, Mukesh Patel passed away in Mumbai on June 15, 2002 following brief illness.

– NCP MP Mukesh Patel dead. *Tribune.* June 16, 2002 : 10.

– RS member passes away. *Hindu.* June 16, 2002 : 12.

Patel, Parthiv

17-year-old, Parthiv Patel has been named a new wicket-keeper in a 16-member squad for the Test series against England starting July 2002. Announcement to this effect was made by Indian selectors on June 8, 2002 in Kolkata. Parthiv Patel was a member of the India 'A' side in the recently concluded tour of Sri Lanka.

– India names new 'keeper for England Test series. *Sunday Times of India.* June 9, 2002 : 21.

– Parthiv Patel surprise inclusion. *Hindu*. June 9, 2002 : 18.

– Patel youngest-ever Test Keeper. *Tribune*. August 9, 2002 : 16.

Parthiv Patel, the youngest wicket keeper to play Test cricket would receive the Castrol Junior Cricketer of the Year Award. His achievements in the Castrol Year of 2000-01 (October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002) included his leadership of the Indian team that made it to the semi-finals of the under–19 World Cup 2002. He then toured South Africa and Sri Lanka with the India 'A' side. The award carries a trophy and a cheque for Rs. 50,000.

– In Brief : B.S. Chandrasekhar. *Tribune*. October 16, 2002 : 18.

Pathak, Dina

The grand-old-mother of the Hindi cinema and veteran Gujarati theatre actress, Dina Pathak (82), passed away after a prolonged illness on October 11, 2002, in Mumbai.

– Spotlight : Dina Pathak dead. *Tribune*. October 11, 2002 : 1.

– Actress dead. *Hindu*. October 12, 2002 : 12.

Pathak, K.N. (Prof.)

Vice-Chancellor of Panjab University, Chandigarh, Prof. K.N. Pathak has been nominated for the Prestigious Goyal Prize 2001, for his contribution in the field of Physics. The award is given by the Kurukshetra University and carries a cash prize of Rs. 11 lakh, a gold medal and a citation. Prof. Pathak has a distinguished track record of over 35 years of teaching and has authored more than 123 research papers in international jounals. He has also received several national and international awards and fellowships.

– KU Goyal Prize for Prof. Pathak. *Tribune*. December 5, 2002 : 3.

Pathak, Raghunandan Swarup (Justice)

Justice R.S. Pathak, a former Chief Justice of India and a former Judge of the International Court of Justice, Hague will be the President of The Tribune Trust. He succeeds Mrs. Serla Grewal following her demise. Justice Pathak joined the *Tribune* Trust as one of its members in August 1994.

– Justice Pathak heads the Tribune Trust. *Tribune*. February 8, 2002 : 1, 18.

Pathak, Ram

Noted musician and composer Mr. Ram Pathak (85) passed away in Nagpur on September 26, 2002 due to old age. He had worked with the All India Radio, Nagpur from 1957 to 1967 and later at the Pune Station from 1967 till 1978.

– Spotlight : Ram Pathak dead. *Tribune*. September 27, 2002 : 1.

Pathan, M.A.

Mr. M.A. Pathan, former Indian Oil Chief and the Chairman of Petroleum Federation of India, was conferred by the Centre of Excellence in Project management the Project Management Associates Fellowship Award for 2002 in New Delhi on December 2, 2002. He is the only Indian to get this international award.

– Briefly : Honour for former IOC Chief. *Hindu*. December 4, 2002 : 4.

Patil, V.S.

Renowned cricket coaches Ramakant Achrekar and V.S. Patil were felicitated during the launch of the Citibank "Super-star search" programme and cricket visa card at the Cricket Club of India in Mumbai on June 8, 2002. Achrekar-who coached players like Sachin Tendulkar, Vinod Kambli, Ajit Agarkar and Praveen Amre – and V.S. Patil-who was instrumental in coaching players like Dilip Vengsarkar and Sanjay Manjrekar-were presented with shawls and mementos.

– Achrekar, Patil felicitated. *Sunday Times of India*. June 9, 2002 : 21.

– Achrekar, Patil honoured. *Hindu*. June 9, 2002 : 19.

Patkar, Medha

Narmada Bachao Andolan leader, Medha Patkar was invited to be a "Prosecutor" at the World Social Forum (WSF) convention against the neo-liberal globalisation and for evolving alternatives to the "model of globalisation" imposed by the market-driven economy. The convention of hundreds of organizations from all over the world, especially from the Third World Countries was held at Porto Alegre in Brazil from January 31 to February 5, 2002.

– Sharma, N.D. Patkar special invitee to WSF. *Tribune*. February 1, 2002 : 10.

Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) leader Medha Patkar was forced to cut short her tour to Nagarnaar area of Bastar division on March 25, 2002 in view of strong protests against her visit by Congress and BJP Yuva Morcha workers. Political workers of Congress and BJP had staged a "Chakka jam" to protest against her visit.

– Patkar cuts short Bastar visit. *Tribune*. March 27, 2002 :8.

Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar filed a complaint against two BJP activists and Chief of the National Council of Civil Liberties by post with the Sabarmati Police Station, charging Amit Thakar and Amit Shah and NCCL

President V.K. Saxena with unlawful confining her in a room at the Ashram and threatening her. She also said in her complaint that she was asked for her identity, shouted slogans, man handled and rammed her against a wall. On this complaint the police has registered a case under Sections 504, 323, 341, 506 and 114 of IPC and started investigations.

– Medha files complaint against two BJP men. *Tribune*. April 12, 2002 : 8.

The Narmada Bachao Andolan leader, Medha Patkar, today declared that she would launch a 'satyagraha' against the forcible submergence of the land and habitation of thousands of people this monsoon in the Narmada Valley in the event of increasing the height of the Sardar Sarovar dam in Gujarat, for which clearance has been given.

People to be displaced would face the waters "come what may" from June 30 at the submergence sites of Domkhedi (Maharashtra) and Jalsindhi (Madhya Pradesh) located on either side of the river, she said, "Just to give an idea of the total area under submergence, let me tell you that it will be as vast as the area between Delhi and Agra." She said, adding that the 17-year NBA struggle had reached its peak.

The Narmada Control Authority, chaired by the Water Resrouces Secretary, gave its approval last month for raising the height of SSP, despite Maharashtra's plea to stay the decision till it completed the rehabilitation of the displaced people at the then height of 90 meters. The NCA allowed the Gujarat Government to raise the dam's height to 95 meters before this monsoon, increasing the area under submergence without the affected people being rehabilitated. The project displaces about 40,000 people in Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Rajasthan.

Ms. Patkar said that the Madhya Pradesh Government had given 5 to 15 days to the villagers and tribals to vacate their homes. The alternate land that had been offered to them was a barren hillock. Police had taken positions in the villages to force people out at gunpoint. "With the Supreme Court divided on a verdict on people's plight, where can they go," She asked.

– Attack on Medha Patkar: five arrested. *Hindu*. June 19, 2002 : 11.

– Medha Patkar plans satyagraha. *Hindu*. June 28, 2002 : 1.

Patodia, P.D.

P.D. Patodia was elected President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) in New Delhi on June 11, 2002 at a meeting of its managing committee. Patodia was Chairman of the FIEO western region during 1997-98. He is Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of Prime Textiles Ltd., a part of the Patodia Group, a leading exporter of yarn and garments.

– Patodia new FIEO President. *Hindu*. June 12, 2002 : 16.

Pattanaik, Gopal Ballav (Justice)

Justice Gopal Ballav Pattanaik has been appointed the new Chief Justice of India by the President. He will succeed Justice B.N. Kirpal who retires on November 8, 2002. Justice Pattanaik would be sworn-in on November 8, 2002 and will have a short tenure as CJI for 41 days.

– Digest : Pattanaik to be new CJI. *Hindu*. October 19, 2002 : 1.

The senior-most judge of the Supreme Court Justice Gopal Ballav Pattanaik assumed the office of the Chief Justice of India on November 8, 2002. President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam administered the oath of office to Justice Pattanaik at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. A former Chief Justice of the Patna High Court and a former judge of the Orissa High Court, Justice Pattanaik was appointed Chief Justice of India on October 17, 2002. He will have a tenure of 42 days and will retire on December 19, 2002.

– Spotlight : Pattanaik takes over as CJI. *Tribune*. November 9, 2002 : 1.

– Venkatesan, J. Pattanaik sworn in CJI. *Hindu*. November 9, 2002 : 1, 3.

– Make poor aware of legal aid : CJI. *Hindu*. November 9, 2002 : 13.

Patwardhan, Anand

Anand Patwardhan's award-winning three hour-long documentary film *'War and Peace'* that focuses on the dangers of nuclear war in the subcontinent has been denied censor certificate, for some unknown reasons. The film is believed to have become a casualty of the growing tension between India and Pakistan. The film *'War and Peace'* won two major awards at the Seventh Mumbai International Film Festival and was shown to packed audiences, during the festival. The film had been selected as the opening film for the Kolkata documentary film festival on May 31, 2002.

– Sharma, Kalpana. Censor stops *'War and Peace'*. *Hindu*. June 2, 2002 : 9.

Paul, Santinath

Vice-President of the IndusInd Bank was arrested and remanded to police custody for alleged involvement in last year's Rs. 150-crore Calculate Stock Exchange scam.

– SHCIL MD and IndusInd V-P arrested. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 17.

Paul, Swraj (Lord)

A bronze bust of Lord Swraj Paul was unveiled at the London Zoo by his wife Aruna on the eve of his 71st birthday.

– Global Monitor : Lord Paul's bust unveiled in UK zoo. *Tribune*. February 19, 2002 : 9.

India-born British industrialist Lord Swraj Paul was awarded an honorary degree by the Moscow State University of Management (MSUM) on June 22, 2002, in appreciation of his "outstanding contribution in the field of international education." On May 19, 2002, he was honoured with a doctorate by the University of Hartford, one of the leading academic institutions in the U.S., in recognition of his success in business and commerce, leadership in international education and understanding and commitment to promote multi-culturalism."

– Update : Honour for Swraj Paul. *Frontline*. 19(14) July 6-19, 2002 : 133.

Britain based leading NRI, Lord Swraj Paul leads a British delegation for the India-UK Round Table, on October 16, 2002. Lord Paul is the Co-chairman of Round Table along with Deputy Chairman of Planning Commission Mr. K.C. Pant.

– Swraj Paul set to visit Jalandhar. *Tribune*. October 16, 2002 : 9.

Pawaria, R.C.

Mr. R.C. Pawaria, City Magistrate, Fatehabad surrendered in the court of a special Judge for CBI cases in Haryana on August 5. He is allegedly involved in a fake arm's licence case.

– Pawaria surrenders in fake arms licenes' case. *Tribune*. August 6, 2002 : 6.

Pendse, Dilip S.

Inquiries against former Tata Finance Ltd. (TFL) M.D. Dilip Pendse by the Income-Tax department and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) revealed that there was prima facie evidence indicating foreign-exchange related violations as also evidence suggesting insider trading.

– Vinu Lal. Probe against Pendse gets a slow start. *Times of India*. January 8, 2002 : 13.

The Tata group has filed a civil suit in the Bombay High Court on June 28, 2002 against Dilip S. Pendse, former Managing Director of Tata Finance Ltd. and 25 other entities, claiming damages of Rs.424.5 crore for the loss caused to the company as a result of certain unauthorized and illegal financial transactions that allegedly amounted to a breach of their fiduciary obligations and contract terms. The Tata group has accused Pendse of siphoning off money from the company's funds to purchase shares in select stocks favoured by tainted broker Ketan Parikh.

– Tata group files Rs. 424 cr. suit against Pendse. *Times of India*. July 5, 2002 : 13.

The former Managing Director of the Tata Finance Ltd. (TFL) Dilip Pendse has charged the Company with suppressing material facts before the Mumbai High Court in its suit filed against him and alleged that he was singled out, targeted and made a scapegoat.

The Tata group Chairman, Ratan Tata, however informed on August 20 in Mumbai that he was not consulted by former TFL MD Dilip Pendse on investment decisions.

- I was not consulted by Pendse : Tata. *Hindu*. August 21, 2002 : 16.

Mr. Dilip Pendse, former Managing Director of the Tata Finance Ltd. (TFL), has been accused by the Tata Group of siphoning off more than Rs. 400 crore from the Company for his personal benefits.

- Jayakar, Roshni. Controversy : L'Affair Tata Finance. *Business Today*. 11(18) September 2-15 : 44, 48.
- The Rs. 480 crore question. *Business Today*. Septembner 2 – 15 : 45.
- Chronology of a scam. *Business Today*. September 2 – 15 : 46.
- SEBI indicts Pendse in TFL insider trading. *Hindu*. September 28, 2002 : 16.

Phadnis, Umashankar

Veteran journalist and former diplomatic correspondent of the *Hindustan Times*, Mr. Umashankar Phadnis (78) passed away in New Delhi on October 12, 2002. He is survived by a daughter and a son, both journalists. Mr. Phadnis served the *Hindustan Times* for 20 years.

- In Brief : Scribe Phadnis dies of cardiac arrest. *Sunday Tribune*. October 13, 2002 : 10.

Pherurai, Gurcharan Singh

The Punjab Police on September 9, 2002, registered a case of corruption against former Senior Superintendent of Police Ferozepur district for amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Mr. Pherurai reportedly paid Rs. 2.90 crore to the former PPSC chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu for getting his daughter into Punjab Civil Service and his son to the Punjab Police Service.

- Bharadwaj Ajay. Corruption case against Pherurai. *Times of India*. September 10, 2002 : 5.
- Evidence against Pherurai found. *Tribune*. September 20, 2002 : 3.
- Kang, Harpreet K. Pherurai and kin do a R.K. Sharma. *Sunday Times of India*. September 22, 2002 : 4.
- Jupinderjit Singh. Former SSP Pherurai amassed assets worth over Rs. 20 crore : Police announces award of Rs. 1 lakh, releases documentary proof. *Tribune*. September 24, 2002 : 1, 13.

Former Ferozepur SSP Gurcharan Singh Pherurai, who has been exposed as the beneficiary of the PPSC 'job-for-cash' scandal, was alledgedly helped by police to delay his arrest by indulging in a lot of bargaining and buying time. He is still at large.

- Police oblidged Pherurai with delay. *Times of India*. September 25, 2002 : 5.
- Kang, Harpreet K. Pherurai got 8 gun licences on a single day. *Times of India*. September 27, 2002 : 5.
- Jupinderjit Singh. Two cars of Pherurai seen in Haryana. Four lockers of family found in Chandigarh. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 3.
- Kang, Harpreet K. 'Pherurais divorced for money'. *Times of India*. October 1, 2002 : 5.
- Pherurai's brother held. *Tribune*. October 12, 2002 : 1, 22.

Gurcharan Singh Pherurai, a close confidant of fomrer Punjab Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal was arrested from his hideout in Moga, on October 15, 2002.

- Prabhjot Singh. Pherurai held in Moga. *Tribune*. October 16, 2002 : 1, 14.
- Sandhu, Kulwinder. Pherurai faces another graft case : More people reveal ex-SSP's 'misdeeds'. *Tribune*. October 17, 2002 : 1, 18.
- Pherurai gets 4-day police remand. *Tribune*. October 17, 2002 : 5.
- 30 crorepati Pherurai : 24 relatives, friends booked. *Tribune*. October 26, 2002 : 1, 17.
- William, Raju. Pherurai discloses how he ran his racket. *Times of India*. October 26, 2002 : 1.
- 30 crore route : Pherurai has been at it since he was an SHO. *Sunday Times of India*. October 27, 2002 : 1.

Pillai, Dhanraj

Noted hockey player Dhanraj Pillay's reported remarks against his teammates, blaming them for India's loss in the third place match against Pakistan in the Cologne Champions Trophy created a big controversy. Pillai was quoted as saying that some of the junior players were jealous of him and starved him of ball during the classification game against Pakistan which India lost 3-4 after leading 3-1 till about five minutes to go. President of IHF, Mr. K.P.S. Gill summoned him to explain his remarks.

- Pandey, Vineeta. Showcause notice for Pillay. *Times of India*. September 18, 2002 : 21.
- Srivatsa, V. Dhanraj obsessed with himself and his game. *Times of India*. September 18, 2002 : 21.

It is time the Indian Hockey Federation like the cricket board, barred the players from making any disparaging remarks about the performance of the team or their teammates. Otherwise people like Dhanraj Pillay will keep shooting their mouth off and will then say that they have been misquoted. Pillay has openly accused his teammates of sabotage and it's a serious matter. How come he didn't bother to even hint at something like this in his syndicated column ?

- Dhanraj obsessed with himself and his game. *Times of India*. September 18, 2002 : 21.

Veteran forward Dhanraj Pillay was declared the player of the tournament at the Champion's Tropy in Cologne. He won the applause though the Indians finished fourth.

– Sticking to stardom. *India Today*. September 23, 2002 : 23.

India's star hockey player Dhanraj Pillay will be country's flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the Busan Asian Games on September 29, 2002. Announcement to this effect was made by Indian Olympic Association (IOA) President, Suresh Kalmadi on September 27, 2002.

– General : Dhanraj Pillai to be India's flag-bearer. *Hindu*. September 28, 2002 : 19.

Dhanraj Pillai, on November 25, 2002 manhandled the umpires in the final of the Nehru Cup Hockey Tournament between Indian Airlines and Punjab Police. Pillai was playing for Airlines.

- Mercury rises as mercurial star hots up : Star striker takes it out on the ref. *Indian Express*. November 26, 2002 : 14.
- Pillai at his fighting best. *Times of India*. December 2, 2002 : 18.

Pillai, K. Shankar

- Editorial : Shankar, up close : A daughter-in-law recalls the great cartoonist. *Indian Express*. August 1, 2002 : 8.

Pilot, Sachin

Mr. Sachin Pilot, son of late Congress leader Rajesh Pilot joined the Congress at a rally in Jaipur on February 10, 2002. 26-year old Sachin is a graduate of the Wharton Business School.

– Sachin Pilot to carry forward his father's legacy. *Hindu*. February 11, 2002 : 9.

Pisharoty, R.P. (Prof.)

Meteorologist R.P. Pisharoty, known as the father of Indian remote sensing, died in Pune on Sept. 24. He was 93. Born on February 10, 1909 at Kollengode in Kerala, he had a brilliant academic career and worked with Nobel laureate, C.V. Raman, Prof. Pisharoty had occupied several important positions in Indian scientific institutions, including the India Meteorological Department.

– Meteorologist dead. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 9.

Distinguished meteorologist of international repute Prof. R.P. Pisharoty (93), passed away on September 24, 2002 in Pune. Mr. Pisharoty was instrumental in heralding remote sensing in the country through his pioneering experiment to detect the coconut wilt disease in Kerala in the late 60s.

– India Digest : Meteorologist dies. *Times of India*. September 27, 2002 : 7.

Prabhat Kumar

Jharkhand Governor Prabhat Kumar who is in the thick of a controversy over allegedly accepting hospitality of a tainted businessman when he was Cabinet

Secretary, said on Jan. 30, that he would resign from the post. In a statement issued by Raj Bhavan ... Mr Kumar denied reports that he had hosted parties whose expenses were borne by an industrialist under CBI probe and added he had never done anything that could lower his integrity or dignity. ''I will submit my resignation to the President'', he said in the statement adding he was deeply distressed over the media campaign against him.

– Jharkhand Governor decides to quit. *Tribune*. January 31, 2002 : 20.

Governor of Jharkhand, Prabhat Kumar resigned from his post on January 31, 2002 following allegations that he accepted hospitality of a tainted businessman when he was Cabinet Secretary. Prabhat Kumar was under media scrutiny after the Managing Director of Flex Industries, Ashok Chaturvedi, booked in a duty evasion case, had allegedly told CBI that he had footed the expenses of some parties hosted at Mr. Kumar's residence when he was the Cabinet Secretary.

– Prabhat Kumar quits as Governor. *Tribune*. February 1, 2002 : 1.

Commenting on Mr. Prabhat Kumar's resignation an editorial in *Tribune* writes: … the BJP leadership must have done a lot of behind-the-scene work to make Mr. Prabhat Kumar resign as Governor. The charges against him are indeed grave. The pre-resignation statement in which he professed his innocence and blamed the media for the adverse publicity should not be allowed to go unchallenged. It has become almost a standard procedure for politicians and bureaucrats to blame media for reporting their alleged involvement in cases of corruption…Mr. Prabhat Kumar would have earned more points and sympathy had he stepped down the moment the CBI named him as one of the prime beneficiaries of the favours rendered by the CEO of the controversial Flex Industries.

– Editorial: Hall of ill fame. *Tribune*. February 1, 2002 : 10.

Prabhu, Suresh

Union Power Minister Suresh Prabhu on April 10 denied that he had resigned from the Government. "The reports that I have resigned are totally false and baseless" he told PTI on telephone from near Nasik, reacting to the reports from Shiv Sena's conclave in Shirdi that he had quit following differences with Party Chief Balasahib Thackeray.

– I have not quit: Prabhu. *Tribune*. April 11, 2002 : 1.

Suresh Prabhu, Power Minister resigned from the Union Cabinet. In his letter dated August 14, 2002 to the Prime Minister, Mr. Prabhu cited Mr. Thackeray's desire that he work for the Party as a reason for his resignation. The continuation of Mr. Prabhu in the Union Cabinet was seen as doubtful because Shiv Sena was reportedly unhappy that Mr. Prabhu was unable to tap the lucrative potential of his Ministerial portfolio. What many have found jarring is that Mr Thackeray has usurped the Prime Minister's prerogative of dropping or selecting a Minister.

– PM accepts Prabhu's resignation. *Hindu*. August 21, 2002 : 1.

Bal Thackeray's reported charge of ineffciency against the Union Power Minister Suresh Prabhu, simply fly in the face of facts.

- Thackeray's charge not borne out by facts. *Hindu*. August 21, 2002 : 12.
- Prabhu's exit may hit proposed NTPC plant. *Times of India*. August 23, 2002 : 9.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile : He paid the price for his vision and honesty. *Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 13.

Pranesh, Lakshmi

Ms Lakshmi Pranesh was appointed the first woman Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu on December 2, 2002. The 57 year old IAS officer Ms. Lakshmi Pranesh is the fourth Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu in the 18-month AIADMK Government.

- Venkatesan, Radha. Sukavanesvar shunted out in TN shuffle. *Hindu*. December 3, 2002 : 6.

Praneshwaran, K.

Five-year-old K. Praneshwaran, a kindergarten student in a local school at Chennai, embarked on a skating trip on March 19, 2002 from Chennai to Pondicherry. He is set to traverse a distance of 158 km, across 52 villages. Praneshwaran is undertaking this feat with the noble mission to emphasize communal harmony especially in the wake of the recent communal violence in Gujarat. He was chosen for this "task" by the Velammal Matriculation Higher Secondary School, where he is studying in UKG.

- 5 yr. old to skate across 52 villages. *Tribune*. March 20, 2002 : 8.
- Eyecatchers : Patriot on a roll. *India Today*. March 26-April 1, 2002 : 88.

Prasad, Yogendra

Mr. Yogendra Prasad, Chairman and Managing Director, NHPC has been unanimously elected President of the Central Board of Irrigation and Power for the term 2002-03. The Board is an autonomous non-official, non-governmental organisation.

- Biz Briefs : Power and Board chief. *Tribune*. February 23, 2002 : 15.

Chairman of the National Hydroelectricity Power Corporation, Yogendra Prasad has been nominated for the International Commission on Large Dams Award for his efforts to develop hydro-power in the country. Prasad is the first Indian to receive this honour. The award consists of a citation, certificate and a plaque.

- NHPC chief honoured. *Times of India*. June 18, 2002 : 10.

The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) Chairman and Managing Director Yogendra Prasad has been honoured with the International

Commission on Large Dams (ICOLD) Award, for "his distinguished contribution to the cause of hydro power development and service rendered to the ICOLD, said a company statement on Oct. 8. Prasad is largely responsible for building-up an awareness in the government policy-making bodies about an optimal hydro-thermal mix in power generation and transmission, claimed the statement.

– Award to NHPC CMD. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 20.

Pratap Singh (Giani)

Giani Pratap Singh, the Head Granthi of the famous Sachkhand Sahib Gurdwara, Nanded, Maharashtra along with five others was sentenced to five years' imprisonment by a TADA court in Ajmer on November 30, 2002, on the charge of involvement in "terrorism activities" more than a decade ago.

– Spotlight : Head Granthi jailed. *Tribune*. December 1, 2002 : 1.

Pratyusha

Andhra Pradesh government on March 7, 2002 agreed for a CBI probe into the circumstances leading to the death of upcoming actress Pratyusha. Pratyusha died in Hyderabad on February 24. Opposition members in the Andhra Assembly had alleged that the case was being diluted and evidence being tempered with to shield some of the guilty.

– In brief : CBI to probe actress death. *Tribune*. March 8, 2002 : 8.

Prem Singh (Chaudhary)

A book titled *"Vijai Ke Sutradhar – Chaudhary Prem Singh"* on the life and times of Delhi Assembly Speaker, Chaudhary Prem Singh was released by the Congress President Sonia Gandhi on June 15, 2002 in Delhi. The book has been written and edited by Joint Secretary, Delhi Assembly, Siddharath Rao. The book touches various aspects of Mr. Singh's life and highlights the fact that he had been consecutively winning elections for the past 45 years.

– Book on Prem Singh released. *Hindu*. June 17, 2002 : 4.

The General Assembly of New Jersey, United States has honoured the visiting Speaker of the Delhi Assembly, Chaudhary Prem Singh, by passing a historic resolution for creating a world record by winning all elections during the past 45 years and becoming the longest serving elected representative. He was felicitated for his distinguished services, political career and effective leadership in a myriad of important offices and positions.

– New Jersey Assembly honours Delhi Spekaer. *Hindu*. September 29, 2002 : 4.

Premi, Gurcharan Singh

Eminent Punjabi writer Mr. Gurcharan Singh Premi (73) died in a road accident near Goraya in Jalandhar district. Mr. Premi was a short-story writer and an essayist in Punjabi and was a member of the Kendriya Punjabi Lekhak Sabha.

– Punjabi writer dies in road accident. *Times of India*. September 21, 2002 : 7.

– Spotlight : Punjabi writer dead. *Tribune*. September 21, 2002 : 1.

Premji, Azim

Azim Premji tops the Indian list of five prominent Indians who figure in the coveted list of world's top 500 billionaires. Premji is Chairman of the Wipro group, which is worth $6.4 billion according to the *Forbes* magazine. He occupies 41st position in the *Forbes* list. Other Indians in the list and their positions are as follows :

Position	Name	Net worth
II 138th	Dhirubhai Ambani	$2.9bn
III 200th	Kumaramanglam Birla	$2.1bn
IV 327th	Laxmi Mittal	$1.4bn
V 378th	Shiv Nadar	$1.2bn

– 5 Indians in billionaire list. *Hindu*. March 2, 2002 : 16.

Pritpal Singh

Former Secretary of the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC), Pritpal Singh, was questioned by the vigilance investigators on April 25, 2002 on the "recruitment" procedures followed by the Commission. Some members of PPSC have accused Pritpal Singh of "burning the records of the Commission". His name also figures in another "serious violation" of allegedly keeping weapons of PPSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu at his residence.

– Vigilance Bureau to question Pritpal Singh. *Tribune*. April 25, 2002 : 18.

– Pritpal questioned. *Tribune*. April 26, 2002 : 1, 18.

– Records burnt at Sidhu's behest says Pritpal. *Times of India*. April 26, 2002 : 1.

Former Secretary of the Punjab Public Service Commission Pritpal Singh, a PCS officer, was arrested by the Punjab Vigilance Bureau on July 6, 2002 in the job-for-cash scam.

– Prabhjot Singh. PPSC ex-Secy. arrested. *Tribune*. July 7, 2002 : 1, 8.

Former Secretary of the Punjab Public Service Commission, Pritpal Singh, was remanded to police custody by a local Patiala court on July 7, 2002. According to a statement by the State Vigilance Department, Pritpal Singh used to take answer sheets from his Superintendent and approach examiners to increase marks of selective candidates.

– Pritpal in police custody. *Tribune*. July 8, 2002 : 4.

Pruthi, Naresh (Dr.)

A criminal case has been registered against Dr. Naresh Pruthi, a senior Congress leader and Chairman of Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee's medical cell and six others by the Muktsar police, on the alleged charges of fraud, forgery, theft. Accused have been booked under Sections 379, 420, 467, 468, 471, 506 and 120-B of IPC following a complaint by Chairman of an Ayurvedic College.

- Chander Parkash. Congress leader booked on fraud charges. *Tribune*. June 17, 2002 : 6.
- Congress leader booked. *Times of India*. June 18, 2002 : 8.

Pujari, Shailaja

India's Shailaja Pujari won three gold medals in the women's 75 kg. weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games in Manchester, England on August 3, 2002. She won gold in the clean and jerk, snatch and overall categories.

- *Tribune*. August 5, 2002 : 16.

Purohit, Apurva

Zee Telefilms on June 18, 2002 announced the appointment of Apurva Purohit as President of its flagship channel Zee TV. She was earlier heading Lodestar Media, the media arm of advertising agency FCB-ULKA, as director.

- Apurva Purohit new Zee TV President. *Hindu*. June 18, 2002 : 18.

Purwar, A.K.

Deputy Managing Director of the State Bank of India, Mr. A.K. Purwar, would be the next Chairman of the Bank. He will take charge from Mr. Janaki Ballabh following his retirement. Finance Ministry has cleared the name of Mr. Purwar, who would head SBI for a term of three and a half years.

- Purwar to be next SBI chief. *Tribune*. November 14, 2002 : 15.
- Purwar new SBI chairman. *Hindu*. November 14, 2002 : 18.

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Qadri, Yusuf Suleman

Yusuf Suleman Qadri, a 26-year old hit man of the Chhota Rajan gang was arrested in Delhi on July 7, 2002. A sharp shooter and alleged cold-blooded killer, Qadri was instrumental in liquidating several members of the rival D-Company.

– Dreaded hitman of Chhota Rajan gang held. *Hindu.* July 9, 2002 : 11.

Qureshi, Hashim

Charges were farmed in a local Srinagar court on December 26 against Hashim Qureshi, former JKLF leader. Qureshi is charged with hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane to Pakistan and setting it ablaze in 1971. He surrendered to the Indian authorities last year after 20 years in exile.

– Qureshi formally charged in 1971 hijacking case. *Tribune*. December 27, 2002 : 3.

Qureshi, Inayat Hussain

Mr. Inayat Hussain Qureshi was elected president of the Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti Dargah management committee at a Dargah committee meeting held in Delhi on December 27, 2002. Mr. Qureshi was elected unanimously. Interestingly he is a member of the BJP national council from Indore (M.P.)

– In brief : BJP man to head Dargah Committee. *Tribune*. December 30, 2002 : 8.

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Rai, Laxmi

Shri Laxmi Rai, Chairman of the Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC) was in news, when the state government was asked by the Patna High Court to explain by August 21, 2002, as to how Mr. Rai who is charge-sheeted in a CBI case and was in jail for three months can be the Chairman of the Commission. The controversial Chairman joined BPSC in 1999 when he had a criminal case against him in the 1996 Combined Engineering Examination Scandal.

– HC asks how CBI accused is BPSC chief. *Indian Express*. August 1, 2002 : 5.

Rai, Ramasish

Mr. Ramasish Rai, one of the prominent BJP dissident leaders in the U.P. Legislative Council was suspended from the party for ''anti-party'' activities on October 25, 2002 by the state BJP president Mr. Vinay Katiyar. Mr. Rai is a member of the UP Legislative Council and spokesman of the ''Save BJP Committee'' set up by the dissidents.

– BJP suspends rebel MLA. *Tribune*. October 26, 2002 : 8.

Rai, Satheesha

Satheesha Rai won two gold and a bronze medal in the weight lifting event of the 17th Commonwealth Games in Manchester on August 1, 2002. Rai lifted a total of 317·5 (snatch 142·4 kg, clean and jerk 175 kg.)

– Satish bags two gold, one bronze. *Tribune*. August 2, 2002 : 16.

Weightlifter, Satheesha Rai has tested positive for a stimulant according to the president of Indian Olympic Association, at the Manchester Commonwealth games.

– Weightlifter Rai fails dope test. *Tribune*. August 6, 2002 : 14.

Lifter Satheesha Rai who won two gold and one bronze in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester has tested positive for a stimulant. If Rai is stripped of his medals, India's original haul of 32 golds will be reduced to 30, one less than Canada, which presently occupied fourth position.

– One more lifter tests positive. *Times of India*. August 6, 2002 : 1.

India's weightlifters, Mr. Sateesha Rai (77 kg.) and Krishan Madaswamy (62 kg) tested positive for banned drugs at the Manchester Commonwealth Games and were disqualified.

– Commonwealth Games : The Burden of proof. *Outlook*. August 13-19. 2002 : 36.

Raj, Mithali

India's 19 year-old woman Test cricketer and vice-captain, Mithali Raj made history when she scored an unbeaten 210, on the third day of the second Test against England at Tauntor on August 16. Mithali faced 400 balls and hit 19 boundaries and helped the team take a 112-run first innings lead.

– Mithali makes history. *Tribune*. August 18, 2002 : 20.

Mithali Raj, a junior clerk in South-Central Railway, scored a world record 214 runs in the Third Test against England. It is the world's best in Women's Test Cricket. She is a shy 19 year old girl from Hyderabad.

– It was very thrilling : Mithali Raj. *Hindu*. August 21, 2002 : 20.

Rajan, Y.S. (Dr.)

Dr. Y.S. Rajan, a Space Scientist took over as the new Vice-Chancellor (V-C) of the Punjab Technical University (Jalandhar) on October 17, 2002. Dr. Rajan was working as Scientific Advisor to the Government of India prior to this appointment. After taking charge he said that improving the quality of education and maximising the employment potential of the students through campus recruitment were the main challenges before him.

– PTU V-C Rajan assumes charge. *Tribune*. October 18, 2002 : 5.

– State Digest : Y.S. Rajan is PTU V-C. *Times of India*. October 18, 2002 : 4.

– Gill P.P.S. Rajan pins hopes on Punjab. *Tribune*. November 17, 2002 : 6.

Rajaram

Mr. Rajaram, Managing Director of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. (KRCL) has designed an Anti-Collision Device for trains (ACD) which prevents high speed, head-on rear end and side collisions besides accidents at unmanned level crossings. He has taken a patent for the same in the name of the President of India.

– Device to avert train collisions. *Hindu*. February 10, 2002 : 6.

Rajendra Babu, S. (Justice)

Senior Judge of the Supreme Court, Mr. Justice S. Rajendra Babu, will examine the reported involvement of three Judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court namely Mr. Justice Amarbir Singh Gill, Mr. Justice M.L. Singhal and Mr. Justice Mehtab Singh Gill in the Punjab Public Service Commission recruitment scam.

– Jaisingh, Hari. SC Judge to examine cases pending against 3 HC Judges. *Tribune*. November 18, 2002 : 1.

Rajendra Singh

Noted environmentalist and Magsaysay Award winner Rajendra Singh was assaulted on June 10, 2002 in Aligarh during a seminar. In his speech at the seminar Rajendra Singh said that water conservation in India could succeed only if elected representatives discharged their social obligations. At this, Tejveer Singh Guddu, Chairman of Aligarh Zila Panchayat reportedly slapped and pushed him off the stage. Singh, collapsed after being assaulted and suffered serious injuries. He was shifted to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

– Police raids in U.P., Delhi to nab assaulter. *Hindu*. June 13, 2002 : 9.

Rajnikant

52-year-old Tamil superstar, Rajnikanth made a comeback bid with 'Baba' after a hiatus of three years. Though the film emerged as the most talked–about movie it failed to perform as per expectations. According to industry watchers, even A.R. Rahman's music couldn't save the film.

– Rajnikant. *Outlook*. January 13, 2003 : 48.

– Anand, S. Bhagwan Rajni. *Outlook*. August 20-26, 2002 : 50-52.

– Vivek, T.R. Superstar. *Business Today*. 11(18). September 2-15, 2002 : 50, 54.

Tamil film Superstar Rajnikant sat on a nine-hour fast near the Chepauk Cricket Stadium in Chennai on October 13, 2002 to demand immediate release of Cauvery water by Karnataka. Rajnikant, who hails from Karnataka, said after his fast that ''the Supreme Court order should be obeyed and Karnataka should release water''.

– Cauvery row : Rajnikant observes fast. *Tribune*. October 14, 2002 : 20.

– Anand, S. Stardom files for its returns. *Outlook*. October 8-14, 2002 : 8.

Rajo Singh

A Bihar court on May 14, 2002 rejected an application by a senior Congress leader and Lok Sabha member, Rajo Singh for regular bail in connection with the killing of nine RJD activists. The Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate in charge of Sheikhpura, Piyush Kamal Dixit, dismissed Singh's petition on the ground of his *prima facie* involvement in the case.

– Bail plea rejected. *Hindu*. May 15, 2002 : 9.

Sheikhupura police in Bihar has filed an FIR against senior Congress leader and MP Rajo Singh on June 6, 2002 following complaints from RJD men that Singh along with his supporters, created panic in the town when he was released on bail from the jail on June 4, 2002. Patna High Court on June 3, 2002 granted bail to Rajo Singh charged with being a conspirator in the killing of nine RJD activists on December 26, 2001. Rajo Singh gave himself up on May 11, 2002 and was subsequently remanded to judicial custody.

– F.I.R. filed against M.P. *Hindu*. June 7, 2002 : 5.

– Warrants against Bihar M.P. *Hindu*. June 13, 2002 : 5.

Rajput, B.S. (Prof.)

Prof. B.S. Rajput, Vice-Chancellor of Kumaon University, is in the dock for his alleged acts of plagiarism. Seven leading physicists of Stanford University (USA), including three Nobel Laureates have written to the President, senior government functionaries as also heads of Indian Science Academies demanding action against Mr. Rajput. Indian physicists had documented a number of journal publications of Prof. Rajput and his associates, allegedly plagiarising the work of others. This information was made public on the Geocities website (WWW.geocities.com/ physicsplagiarism/)

– Gopal Raj, N. Plagiarism : Nobel Laureates write to President for action against VC. *Hindu*. October 22, 2002 : 9.

Raju, B. Ramalinga

Satyam Chairman, Mr. B. Ramalinga Raju was awarded the Asia Business Leader Award 2002 (ABLA) for Corporate Citizen of the year in the Asia Business Leader Awards 2002 ceremony held in Hong Kong, on October 10, 2002.

– Biz Brief : Satyam chief. *Tribune*. October 12, 2002 : 17.

– Ramadorai, Ramalinga Raju bag awards. *Hindu*. October 12, 2002 : 18.

Raju, V.K. (Dr.)

The American Academy of Ophthalmology presented Dr. V.K. Raju with the Humanitarian Service Award for his contribution in the field of medical sciences in Orlando, Florida at the Pan American Academy Ophthalmology Conference.

– In brief : Indian doctor awarded in USA. *Tribune*. November 15, 2002 : 8.

Rajvansh, Priya

Anands get life term in Priya Rajvansh's murder case.

– *Indian Express*. August 1, 2002 : 4.

Ram, J.A.

J.A. Ram (83), a Lieutenant nurse who rose to become the first woman Major-General of the Army passed away in Mussoorie on April 9, 2002 following a brief illness. Born on December 21, 1919 in Almora, Gen. Ram received her higher education in Lucknow where she was trained as a nurse. She was commissioned into the military in 1944 as a Lieutenant. She received the rank of Major-General in 1976. She was a recipient of the Param Vishist Seva Medal and Florence Nightingale Honour of the Red Cross Society in 1976.

– First women Major-General dead. *Hindu*. April 11, 2002 : 3.

Ram Lal (Thakur)

Veteran Congress leader and former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Thakur Ram Lal (73), died of heart attack on July 6, 2002. He is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law. Thakur Ram Lal had the rare distinction of winning all the Assembly elections he contested from 1957 to the 1998 poll.

He held all important portfolios including Education, Public Works, Cooperation, Excise and Taxation, Transport and Agriculture. He became Chief Minister of the State in January 1977 and then in February 1980. He was appointed Governor of Andhra Pradesh in August 1983.

- Thakur Ram Lal dead. *Tribune*. July 8, 2002 : 1, 13.
- Ex-CM Thakur Ram Lal dead. *Times of India*. July 8, 2002 : 3.

Ramachandran, M.S.

M.S. Ramachandran takes over as Chairman of the country's biggest oil firm, Indian Oil Corporation, on April 1, 2002. He has been working with IOC for about 30 years, including 25 years in the marketing division. Currently he was director, planning and business development in the Corporation. He is mechanical engineer by training.

- Ramachandran takes over as IOC Chief. *Hindu*. April 3, 2002 : 16.

Mr. M.S. Ramachandran, Chairman of the Indian Oil Corporation, has been elected to the Board of the World LPG Association at the 15th World LPG Forum Conference in Bangkok.

- Dutta, Sanjay. IOC Chief elected to world LPG body. *Times of India*. November 1, 2002 : 12.

Ramamohan Rao, P.S.

Former Director-General of Andhra Pradesh Police, Mr. P.S. Ramamohan Rao was appointed the Governor of Tamil Nadu on January 8, 2002. He took over from Mr. C. Rangarajan who was holding dual charge of the Governor of Andhra Pradesh as also Tamil Nadu.

- Spotlight : Rao new Governor of Tamil Nadu. *Tribune*. January 9, 2002 : 1.
- Editorial : Policemen in Raj Bhavans. *Tribune*. January 11, 2002 : 8.

Mr. P.S. Ramamohan Rao was sworn in as the Governor of Tamil Nadu on January 18, 2002 at the Raj Bhavan in Chennai. Chief Justice of Madras High Court, B. Subashan Reddy administered the oath of office to Mr. Rao.

- In Brief : Rao sworn in TN Governor. *Tribune*. January 19, 2002 : 8.

Ramamurthy, Vazhapadi K.

Former Union Minister Vazhapadi K. Ramamurthy on January 23 formally joined the Congress in the presence of Party Chief Sonia Gandhi. Mr. Ramamurthy, who was the Petroleum Minister in the A.B. Vajpayee government, also had his regional party Thamizhaga Rajiv Congress (TRC) merged with the Congress.

- Ex-Union Minister joins Congress. *Tribune*. January 24, 2002 : 8.

Former Union Minister and Tamil Nadu Congress President Vazhapadi K. Ramamurthy died after a heart attack in Chennai on October 27. He was 62. A trade-unionist turned politician Ramamurthy left the DMK for the Congress in the sixties. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in all elections since 1980, except in 1996 and 1999. In 1991 he was appointed a minister of state in the

Narasimha Rao government, but he quit after a few months in protest against the Centre's handling of the Cauvery crisis. He left the Congress in 1996 to lead the Tiwari Congress. He later rejoined the Congress, only to float the Thamizhaga Rajiv Congress in 1998. As his fledgeling party's lone MP in 1998, he was made Union Petroleum Minister in Vajpayee's 13 month government. After parting ways with Jayalalithaa he lost the 1999 Lok Sabha elections. He rejoined the Congress early this year. As petroleum minister, he gave an LPG connection to virtually anyone who asked for it in his Salem constituency. In spite of that, he lost the 1999 election, a defeat from which he never really recovered. Rammurthy's funeral is expected to be held at Salem, after children, who are abroad, are in Chennai.

– Vazhapadi Ramamurthy dies after heart attack. *Hindustan Times*. October 28, 2002 : 8.

Raman, G.

G. Raman, an Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer has been arrested in a scam related to the purchase of bio-fertiliser. Mr. Raman had allegedly purchased 12000 kg of bio-fertilizer at the rate of Rs.50/- per kg. from a close associate of then Haryana Forest Minister, Mr. Karan Singh Dalal, when it was available in the market at Rs.17/- per kg.

– Vigilance Bureau arrests IFS officer. *Tribune*. June 1, 2002 : 3.

Ramanujam, R. (Justice)

Justice R. Ramanujam, High Court Judge, was sworn-in as Lok Ayukta by the Andhra Pradesh Governor, C. Rangarajan, in Hyderabad on July 12, 2002. Fifty-nine year old Mr. Ramanujam is the fourth Lok Ayukta of the State of Andhra Pradesh. He was Standing Counsel for the A.P. Public Service Commission and the A.P. State Electricity Board and panel advocate for the High Court.

– Lok Ayukta sworn in. *Hindu*. July 13, 2002 : 6.

Ramaraj, R.

Mr. R. Ramaraj of Satyam Infoway has taken over as the new President of Internet Service Providers Association of India (ISPAI). He replaces Mr. Siddharth of Data Access.

– Monitor : Ramaraj new ISPAI President. *Hindu*. September 26, 2002 : 18.

Ramasundram, Archana

Archana Ramasundram becomes the first woman Joint Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation, on March 1, 2002. She is an IPS officer of 1980 batch, belongs to Tamil Nadu cadre.

– First woman Joint Director for CBI. *Hindu*. March 2, 2002 : 13.

Ramesh Kumar

Ramesh Kumar won gold medal in Wrestling in upto 66 kg category by defeating Graham Ewers of Canada in the Commonwealth Games in Manchester (U.K.) on August 3, 2002.

– India outduels Canada to take three golds. *Hindu*. August 5, 2002 : 20.

Rana, I.I.M.S.

Mr. I.I.M.S. Rana, Member (Engineering) in the Railway Board has been appointed Chairman of the Railway Board. He will be the ex-officio, Principal Secretary to the Government and will take over on March 31, 2002.

- In brief : Rana named Rly. Board Chief. *Tribune*. March 29, 2002 : 8.
- New Chairman for Railway Board. *Hindu*. March 29, 2002 : 8.

Randhawa, Gurbachan Singh

Olympian and the first Arjuna Awardee in athletics Gurbachan Singh Randhawa was appointed as Sports Advisor to Punjabi University Vice-Chancellor. It is a great honour to be associated with a University wanting to promote sports in a big way, said Randhawa.

- Randhawa named advisor. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 21.
- Randhawa sports advisor to VC. *Tribune*. October 15, 2002 : 17.

Randhawa, Inderjit Singh

Inderjit Singh Randhawa, SP (H), Fatehgarh Shaib was unanimously elected as the President of the Punjab Police Services Association.

- *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 5.

Randhawa, Kulbir Singh

Kulbir Singh Randhawa, a former member of the Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board (PSSSB) was arrested on July 8, 2002 and remanded to police custody till July 12, 2002. He has been arrested on the charge of amassing wealth worth crores, disproportionate to his known sources of income by out of turn appointments.

Rane, Narayan

Former Maharashtra Chief Minister, Mr. Narayan Rane's house was attacked and torched by the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) workers in the Kankavali town of Sindhudurg district, Maharashtra on November 23, 2002. The attack followed the murder of a local NCP leader, Mr. Satyavijay Bhise on November 22, 2002 allegedly by Sena workers.

- Vijapurkar, Mahesh. Attack on Rane's house fuels tension. *Hindu*. November 24, 2002 : 11.
- Mahrashtra town tense. *Hindu*. November 25, 2002 : 11.

Ranganath, N.K. (Ranga)

Cartoonist, N.K. Ranga (77) passed away of a massive heart attack in Bangalore on July 28, 2002. He was based in Delhi for the last four decades and worked for the *Statesman*, the *Indian Express* and was contributing to the *Tribune* besides several weeklies.

- Digest : Cartoonist Ranga dead. *Hindu*. July 29, 2002 : 1, 13.

- PM mourns Ranga's death. *Tribune*. July 29, 2002 : 8.
- Cartoonist Ranga dead. *Tribune*. July 29, 2002 : 8.
- Ranga had 'foreboding of death'. *Tribune*. July 30, 2002 : 7.
- Swaroop, Harihar. A Tribute : He 'fixed' VVIPs with his sketch pen. *Tribune*. Aug. 4, 2002 : 13.

Rangarajan, C. (Dr.)

Andhra Pradesh Governor, C. Rangarajan was on May 25, 2002 sworn in as Governor of Orissa. He will hold the additional charge during the absence of the Orissa Governor, M.M. Rajendran who is on leave.

- Rangarajan sworn in Orissa Governor. *Hindu*. May 26, 2002 : 9.

Ranjit Lal

The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has terminated the services of its Director-General Ranjit Lal. However Mr. Lal has refused to accept the termination order terming it ''unlawful''. He alleged that he is being victimised.

- FIEO sacks DG, who terms it unlawful. *Times of India*. August 16, 2002 : 15.

Rao, Calyampudi R.

Calyampudi R. Rao of Pennsylvania University is one of the two Indian scientists among 20 scientists who have been awarded the National Medals of Science and Technology (2001) by US President George W. Bush. The other Indian is Arun Netravali of Lucent Technologies and Bell Labs. America's National Medal of Science and Technology is the highest honour any scientist could receive from the President of USA.

- Top US medals for 2 Indian scientists. *Tribune*. June 14, 2002 : 9.

Rao, Gita

Oriya cine actress of yesteryears Gita Rao (58) passed away in Cuttack on March 18, 2002 after a protracted illness. She had been suffering from cancer for past some time.

- Oriya actress Gita Rao dead. *Tribune*. March 20, 2002 : 8.

Rao, Kaloji Narayan

Leading champion of civil liberties and people's poet, Kaloji Rao (88) passed away in Hyderabad on November 13, 2002.

- Kaloji passes away. *Hindu*. November 14, 2002 : 6.

Rao, Krishna

Krishna Rao (73), veteran comedian and the Tamil Nadu Government's "Kalaimamani" award winner passed away in Chennai on August 16 following a prolonged illness.

- In brief : Tamil film comedian dead. *Sunday Tribune*. August 18, 2002 : 8.

Rao, Ramoji

Chief Editor of *Eenadu*, the leading Telegu daily, Mr. Ramoji Rao was convicted of libel by the Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate Court at Tadepalligudem in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh and was sentenced to imprisonment for three years coupled with a fine of Rs. 500 in three cases. All the three cases related to an exposure by the daily on swindling of funds in the District Central Cooperative Bank (DCCB) during the period (1992-95) of VVR Parthasaradhi of the Congress as its chairman.

Rastogi, Narendra

The Central Bureau of Investigation, CBI, has sent a request to USA for the extradition of Narendra Rastogi for his fraudulent duty drawbacks to the tune of Rs.171 crore. He along with his three brothers is facing charges of criminal conspiracy and fraud for cheating the government of Rs.43 crore in eight cases. Rastogi is under arrest in the US by the FBI since May this year in another case there. He along with three others are accused of defrauding banks worldwide of an estimated $600 million by obtaining financing for sham transactions and then pledging them as collateral for loans.

– CBI asks USA to extradite Rastogi. *Tribune.* July 3, 2002 : 18.

Rastogi, Virender

The Government of India has moved extradition proceedings for Virender Rastogi – a London based businessman in a duty drawback scam for allegedly seeking duty drawback of over Rs.150 crore from false export consignments. The CBI has secured a Red Corner notice against Virender Rastogi and his Dubai-based brother Ravinder Rastogi.

– Red Corner notice against Rastogi brothers. *Tribune.* July 22, 2002 : 8.

Rathore, S.P.S.

Mr. S.P.S. Rathore, former Director-General of Police (Haryana) retired from service on July 31. An IPS officer of 1965 batch, Rathore was indicted by the CBI in the infamous Ruchika molestation case.

– S.P.S. Rathore retires. *Tribune*. August 1, 2002 : 1.

Raunaq Singh

Former Chairman of the $ 525 million Raunaq Group, Mr. Raunaq Singh (79) passed away on September 30, 2002 following cardiac arrest at his residence in New Delhi.

– Spotlight : Raunaq Singh dead. *Tribune*. September 30, 2002 : 1.

– From salesman to entrepreneur. *Tribune*. September 30, 2002 : 11.

– Raunaq Singh passes away. *Times of India*. October 1, 2002 : 15.

Raval, Kirit N.

Additional Solicitor-General, Mr. Kirit N. Raval has been appointed as the Solicitor-General of India by the Union Government. An alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad, 50 year old Raval becomes one of the youngest and the first from Gujarat to become the Solicitor-General.

– Kirit Raval is Solicitor-General. *Tribune*. October 31, 2002 : 8.

Ravi Shankar (Pt.)

Renowned sitar maestro Pt Ravi Shankar, who has bagged the Grammy Award twice, has been nominated for the fourth time for the 44th music awards for his live recording, ''Full Circle/Carnegie Hall 2000''. The nomination is in the ''best world music album'' category for the album produced by Hans Wendl and recorded by Virgin Records.

– Fourth Grammy nomination for Ravi Shankar. *Tribune*. January 30, 2002 : 8.

The legendary sitar maestro, Ravi Shankar, has won one of music's highest awards – a Grammy.

Rayudu, Ambati Tirupati

The unbeaten knock of 177 by Ambati Tirupati Rayudu during India's recent under-19 tour of England which enabled India to wrap up the series 3-0 must rank among the best-ever knocks played by a batsman. India was tottering at 135 for 6, but Rayudu from Hyderabad kept his cool. Using the long handle he made mockery of the England bowling attack resulting in a virtual run avalanche for his team. It was dream performance by 17-year old Rayudu. That Rayudu is a talented opening batsman has been proved beyond doubt now.

– An inning of rare brilliance. *Tribune*. September 21, 2002 : 18.

17-year old cricket prodigy, Ambati Tirupati Rayudu became the youngest Indian to score a double century in Ranji Trophy Championship, when he scored a brilliant 210 in Hyderabad's first innings against Andhra in a Ranji Trophy. Rayudu, struck 26 fours and four sixes in his 232-ball knock.

– Ambati Rayudu becomes the youngest Indian to score a double century in Ranji Trophy : Another batting machine from Hyderabad. *Indian Express*. November 26, 2002 : 13.

Raza, Sayed Haider

Paris-based Indian painter, Sayed Haider Raza has been nominated for the Dayawati Modi Award, for his invaluable contribution to promotion of Indian art, culture and education. The award, instituted by the Dayawati Modi Foundation for Art, Culutre, and Education carries a shield, scroll of honour and Rs. 2,51,000.

– Modi award for painter. *Hindu*. November 6, 2002 : 4.

– Modi award for Raza. *Tribune*. November 11, 2002 : 8.

Razak, Mohammed Afroz Abdul

Mumbai police on March 26 appealed to a special court to drop provisions of anti-terrorist ordinance POTA invoked against suspected Al-Qaida terrorist Mohammed Afroz. Mumbai police admitted to having committed a "mistake" by invoking POTA in this case.

- POTA charge against Afroz dropped. *Tribune*. March 27, 2002 : 1.
- Rethink on POTA charge : Judge. *Tribune*. March 28, 2002 : 1.

Reddy, Satish

The Board of Directors of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories at its meeting held in Mumbai on June 5, 2002 approved the re-appointment of Satish Reddy as the Managing Director and CEO for five years from October 1, 2002.

- S. Reddy is MD of Dr. Reddy's lab. *Tribune*. June 6, 2002 : 13.

Rizvi, Nasim

Bail plea of incarcerated film producer Nasim Rizvi was adjourned to June 20, 2002 by Justice S.S. Parkar of Mumbai High Court on June 14, 2002. Rizvi is facing charges of developing links with underworld to target film personalities for personal gains.

- Film producer's bail plea adjourned. *Tribune*. June 15, 2002 : 8.

Roy, Arundhati

Booker Prize winner writer Arundhati Roy was sentenced to a one-day symbolic imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 2000/- by the Supreme Court on March 6, 2002. Supreme Court convicted her on the charges of contempt of court.

- SC jails Arundhati for contempt. *Tribune*. March 7, 2002 : 1, 7.
- Editorial: The Conviction of Arundhati Roy. *Hindu*. March 7, 2002 : 10.
- Arundhati Roy jailed for contempt of Court. *Hindu*. March 7, 2002 : 1.
- An eventful day all the way. *Hindu*. March 7, 2002 : 1.
- Mixed reaction to SC verdict on Roy. *Hindu*. March 7, 2002 : 11.
- Prepared to suffer consequences: Roy. *Hindu*. March 7, 2002 : 11.
- Arundhati Roy released. *Hindu*. March 8, 2002 : 1.
- Arundhati Roy has 'comfortable' stay in jail. *Hindu*. March 8, 2002 : 11.
- I have made my point: Roy. *Hindu*. March 8, 2002 : 12.
- U.K. media hails Arundhati as political 'icon'. *Hindu*. March 8, 2002 : 12.
- Editorial : Above Contempt. *Times of India*. March 8, 2002 : 14.
- Editorial : Arundhati effect. *Tribune*. March 8, 2002 : 10.

Noted author and Narmada Bachao Andolan activist Arundhati Roy was released on March 7, 2002 from Tihar jail following her day-long imprisonment. She served her one-day symbolic imprisonment and paid a fine of Rs. 2000/-.

– Arundhati Roy released. *Tribune*. March 8, 2002 : 1.

– Gupta, Anupam. Judging the Judgement : Beyond the Arundhati controversy. *Tribune*. March 11, 2002 : 10.

Celebrated author Arundhati Roy on June 8, 2002 arrived at the site where tribesmen from Maan dam-affected villages were sitting on dharna. She came there to provide moral support to the agitators. The Maan dam on the Narmada will submerge 17 villages having a population of around 6000. She criticized the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister for his insensitivity to the plight of the oustees of the Bargi, Maheshwar, Maan or Sardar Sarovar dams in the State.

– Sharma, N.D. Arundhati joins tribesmen's stir. *Tribune*. June 10, 2002 : 8.

Roy, Binod Kumar (Justice)

Mr. Justice Binod Kumar Roy – a sitting Judge of the Allahabad High Court – was on October 14 administered oath as Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court by the Punjab Governor, Lt. Gen. JFR Jacob in Chandigarh. Justice Roy did his post-graduation in Political Science from Patna University and graduation in Law from Magadh University. He was enrolled as an advocate with Bihar State Bar Council in April 1968.

– B.K. Roy sworn in a C.J. *Tribune*. October 15, 2002 : 3.

– Roy sworn in as Chief Justice. *Times of India*. October 15, 2002 : 5.

Roy Choudhary, Saptarishi

Saptarishi Roy Choudhary of Indian Railways won the National Youth Chess (Under-25) tournament in Bangalore on July 25, 2002.

– Chess in a dramatic end: Saptarishi Roy Choudhary triumphs. *Hindu*. July 26, 2002 : 20.

Rushdie, Salman

Salman Rushdie who is under death threat for allegedly blaspheming Islam, is once again free to fly on Air Canada after the Airline backed down from its policy of refusing to carry the author.

– Airline ban on Rushdie lifted. *Hindu*. March 21, 2002 : 1.

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Sacchan, Krishna Kumar (Dr.)

Dr. Krishna Kumar Sacchan was appointed the UP BSP President by the Chief Minister Ms. Mayawati, on June 30, 2002. He replaces State Minister Indrajit Saroj. He will head a 23-member committee. Dr. Sacchan belongs to the backward Kurmi community and hails from Kanpur.

– Sacchan is UP BSP president. *Tribune.* July 1, 2002 : 10.

Sadanand Singh

– India Notes : Rape charge back to haunt Bihar Speaker. *Indian Express.* August 1, 2002 : 2.

Saha, Kripa Sindhu

Mr. Kripa Sindhu Saha, Senior Forward Bloc leader was unanimously elected Deputy Speaker of the West Bengal Assembly on March 7, 2002. Mr. Saha was earlier the Chairman of the House Panel.

– In brief : Saha is WB House Deputy Speaker. *Tribune.* March 8, 2002 : 8.

Saha, Saraswati

Railway's Saraswati Saha won a grand double getting the top honours in the women's 100m and 200m in the second National Athletic circuit meet at the Sri Kanteerava Stadium on May 6.

Saha clocked 11.44 seconds in 100m and 23.68 seconds in 200m to emerge as star-of-the-day. She pushed Delhi's Poonam Tomar (11.61) to the second spot, avenging her defeat at the first meet at Delhi, where she had finished second.

But her victory in the 200 meters event was more significant as she finished ahead of Kerala's K.M. Beenamol, the only Indian to reach the semi-finals in the Sydney Olympics. Beenamol came home at 24.07 seconds.

– Saha clinches a double. *Tribune.* May 6, 2002 : 16.

Saraswati Saha won the Gold at Busan Asiad in the women's 200 metres on October 10.

– Indian women trigger gold rush. *Times of India.* October 11, 2002 : 21.

– Indian athletes set the track ablaze. *Tribune.* October 11, 2002 : 18.

Sahani, Ramashray

Ramashray Sahani, Bihar Minister for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries along with 11 others has been sentenced to life imprisonment by a Bihar court in a murder case. Sahani resigned on July 18, 2002 following his conviction. A fast-track court in Samastipur (Bihar) headed by A.K. Bal found Sahani and the others guilty of killing a havildar Kameshwar Chaudhary and ordered them to life imprisonment.

- Bihar Minister gets life sentence in a murder case. *Times of India*. July 19, 2002 : 1.
- Digest: Life term for Minister. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 1.

Saharya, Arun B. (Justice)

In a major fall-out of the ongoing probe into the multi-crore job-for-cash scam in the PPSC, three senior judges of the Punjab and Haryana High Court have been divested of work with immediate effect by Chief Justice Arun B. Saharya. The judges are M.L. Singhal, Amarbir Singh Gill and Mehtab Singh Gill.

- Chief Justice withdraws work form three judges. *Times of India*. June 30, 2002 : 1.

Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Justice Arun B. Saharya, handed over his final inquiry report, into the involvement of the High Court judges in the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) scam, to the Chief Justice of India in New Delhi on August 26, 2002.

- CJ's report 'indicts' three HC judges. *Tribune*. August 29, 2002 : 1.

Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association unanimously resolved to boycott the court of the High Court Chief Justice, Justice Arun B. Saharya in protest against the restoration of work to the three Judges, namely Justices Amarbir Singh Gill, M.L. Singhal and Mehtab Singh Gill, suspected to be involved in the multi-crore PPSC recruitment scam.

- Chief Justice restores work to three judges. *Times of India*. August 28, 2002 : 1.
- Bar reacts strongly : Restoration of work to three judges. *Tribune*. August 29, 2002 : 1, 16.
- Lawyers end boycott. *Tribune*. September 7, 2002 : 1, 3.

Sahgal, Lakshmi (Capt.)

Well-known freedom fighter and social activist Padma Vibhushan (Capt.) Lakshmi Sahgal is the presidential candidate of Left Parties. 87-year-old Capt. Sahgal is the first woman candidate for the country's highest constitutional post. The decision to field INA veteran Capt. Sahgal was taken unanimously at a meeting of leaders of the Left parties in New Delhi on June 14, 2002.

- Left parties to field INA veteran. *Hindu*. June 15, 2002 : 1.
- Spotlight: Left field Lakshmi Sahgal. *Tribune*. June 15, 2002 : 1,4.
- Lakshmi Sahgal accepts Left's offer. *Tribune*. June 16, 2002 : 9.
- Capt. Sahgal creates history. *Tribune*. June 17, 2002 : 8.
- Jha, Rajiv Ranjan. Left buries the hatchet for Sahgal. *Tribune*. June 18, 2002 : 11.
- Swarup, Harihar. Lakshmi Sahgal makes the contest interesting. *Tribune*. June 23, 2002 : 13.

Lakshmi Sahgal, Presidential candidate, expressed her views on wide-ranging subjects during an interview with Humra Quraishi. She is a practising gyneacologist in Kanpur, a legend of Indian freedom struggle and an associate of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Daughter of activist Ammu Swaminathan and criminal lawyer S. Swaminathan, she completed her medical education in Madras, before going to Singapore. There she met Subhas Chandra Bose in 1943, quit her job and joined the Indian National Army. She was captured and jailed in Burma. After her release she settled down in Kanpur where Prem Sahgal her husband, was employed.

- Rebel with a cause. *Times of India*. June 25, 2002 : 12.
- A date with a fighter. *Hindu*. June 27, 2002 : 1.
- CPI(M) counters charges on Sahgal nomination. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 11.
- Weaponisation no solution: Sahgal. *Hindu*. July 7, 2002 : 10.
- Sahgal's secular chant on J&K. *Tribune*. July 8, 2002 : 8.
- Impressive show thrills Lakshmi Sahgal. *Hindu*. July 8, 2002 : 6.
- Constitution under threat: Sahgal. *Hindu*. July 8, 2002 : 11.
- A battle of ideologies: Sahgal. *Hindu*. July 9, 2002 : 11.
- Sahgal blames Gujarat govt. for violence. *Hindu*. July 11, 2002 : 11.
- J&K trifurcation will be disastrous: Sahgal. *Hindu*. July 12, 2002 : 11.

Sahu, Sharad Kumar

Sharad Kumar Sahu, a prominent contractor of Bihar was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Patna. Police suspect that rivalry over tenders worth Rs. 150 crore for construction of group centre for CRPF at Jhapaha could be the reason.

- Contractor shot dead in Patna. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 3.

Sahu, Shiv Prasad

A former MP and senior Congress leader, Shiv Prasad Sahu, died at his residence in Ranchi on January 23 morning following protracted illness. He was 68 and is survived by wife, four sons and daughters. Family sources said that his last rites would be performed in Lohardagga.

- Former Cong MP Shiv Sahu dead. *Tribune*. January 24, 2002 : 8.

Sajjan Kumar

- SGPC to appeal against Sajjan's acquittal. *Tribune*. December 30, 2002 : 5.

Salem, Abu

Abu Salem, one of India's most wanted criminals and a prime accused in the Mumbai serial blasts case was arrested by Interpol authorities in the Portuguese Capital Lisbon on September 18, 2002. He was travelling on a forged passport with his companion, Bollywood actress Monica Bedi. Abu

Salem is wanted in more than 100 cases of murder, extortion and abduction all over the country.

- Salem nabbed in Lisbon. *Tribune*. September 21, 2002 : 1, 14.
- Abu Salem arrested in Lisbon. *Times of India*. September 21, 2002 : 1.
- Mishra, Bisheshwar. Abu Salem had Al-Qaida links : Advani. *Sunday Times of India*. September 22, 2002 : 1.
- Chatterjee, Mohua. A 20-day chase across three nations nets the don. *Sunday Times of India*. September 22, 2001 : 1.
- Editorial : The Abu Salem challenge. *Tribune*. September 23, 2002 : 10.
- Editorial : Abu Salem's arrest. *Hindu*. September 23, 2002 : 10.
- Diplomatic efforts to bring back Abu Salem. *Tribune*. September 23, 2002 : 1.
- Abu Salem's arrest triggered riots : Vadodara police. *Times of India*. September 23, 2002 : 8.
- Ahluwalia, Khushwant. Monica Bedi's village loves to hate her. *Times of India*. September 23, 2002 : 1.
- Gupta Suchandana. Police unravel Abu's Bhopal connection. *Times of India*. September 24, 2002 : 10.
- Abu Salem issue : India to follow Lisbon's advice. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 13.
- Efforts on to bring Abu Salem : Advani. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 1.
- Banerjee, Biswajeet. Rise of Salem–from mechanic to don. *Tribune*. September 26, 2002 : 8.

A Delhi court on September 23, 2002 issued fresh non-bailable warrants against Abu Salem in a case in which former Congress activist Romesh Sharma and Salem allegedly conspired to murder, Om Prakash Shrivastav, alias Babloo.

- Fresh warrant against Salem. *Tribune*. September 26, 2002 : 8.
- Deshpande, Swati. Salem's deportation tough : Experts. *Times of India*. September 26, 2002 : 7.
- 3 aides of Abu Salem arrested. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 1, 20.
- Advani hopes to bring back Abu Salem to India soon. *Times of India*. September 30, 2002 : 9.
- Abu Salem factsheet. *Spectrum* : *Sunday Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 1.

Mr. Herculano Vieira, one of Portugal's most reputed lawyers in an interview to the English weekly *Outlook* discusses the possibilities and legalities of Abu Salem's extradition to India.

The examination of the track record by the CBI does not raise much hope of Abu Salem being brought to India and made to pay for his numerous crimes, including his hand in the Bomb blasts in Mumbai in 1993.

- Sharma, Rajeev. End of the road for Salem ? *Sunday Tribune*. October 6, 2002 : 1.
- Work permit of Abu Salem cancelled. *Tribune*. October 8, 2002 : 1.
- Salam Salem, Salam CBI. *Tribune*. October 11, 2002 : 10.
- Interview : 'Extradition only if proved guilty'. *Outlook*. October 8-14, 2002 : 18.
- Kang, Bhavdeep. Crime : No noose is good news. *Outlook*. October 15-21, 2002 : 16.
- Translation of Salem cases delays extradition. *Tribune*. November 17, 2002 : 8.

In view of the extradition request of CBI regarding Abu Salem, the Portuguese authorities have cancelled his resident work permit and extended his judicial remand.

- Salem extradition after Portuguese probe : CBI. *Hindu*. December 30, 2002 : 1.
- Portugal extends Salem's remand. *Tribune*. December 30, 2002 : 8.

Samir Kumar

The Election Commission of India has directed the Chief Secretary, Punjab to initiate disciplinary proceedings for a major penalty against Mr. Samir Kumar IAS and Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation of Jalandhar for his "enthusiastic participation" in the rally held in honour of the Punjab Chief Minister, Mr. Parkash Singh Badal in Jalandhar.

- Spotlight : EC orders action against IAS Officer. *Tribune*. January 16, 2002 : 1.

Samresh Singh

Jharkhand's science and technology minister Samresh Singh sat on a day-long dharna in Dhanbad along with activists of the Jharkhand Vananchal Congress on June 17, 2002 to protest against the prevailing corruption in the state.

- India Digest: Minister on dharna. *Times of India*. June 20, 2002 : 9.

Sandhu, Tajinderpal Singh

Non-bailable warrants were issued against Mr. Tejinderpal Singh Sandhu, former Chairman of the Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board on August 5. Punjab's Vigilance Bureau has already registered a case against Mr. Sandhu.

Acting on the application filed by the Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Aug. 3, the Court of Kharar on August 5 issued non-bailable warrant against former chairman of Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board Tajinderpal Singh Sandhu. VB had registered a case against Sandhu and others.

- Warrants against ex-chief of PSSSB. *Tribune*. August 6, 2002 : 6.
- Non-bailable warrant against PSSSB Chief. *Times of India*. August 6, 2002 : 1.

A Judicial Magistrate has ordered the issuance of proclamation for October 31, 2002 for the arrest of Mr. Tajinderpal Singh Sandhu, former Chairman of the Punjab Subordinate Services Selection Board (PSSSB), on September 26, 2002. The court also dismissed an application moved by counsel of Mr. Sandhu in which he has pleaded that non-bailable warrants issued by this court against Sandhu earlier should be cancelled.

- PSSSB ex–chief's plea dismissed. *Tribune*. September 27, 2002 : 5.

Sangma, P.A.

Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and leader of the Nationalist Congress Party, P.A. Sangma resigned his membership from the National Commission to review the working of the Constitution on March 8, 2002. Sangma resigned in protest against the refusal of the Commission to take up the issue of 'citizens of foreign origin' holding high constitutional positions.

- Sangma quits statute panel. *Hindu*. March 9, 2002 : 1.
- My continuation untenable. *Hindu*. March 9, 2002 : 12.

Nationalist Congress Party leader Mr. P.A. Sangma has decided to launch a fresh offensive against Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi. He said that he was writing a book on why Sonia should not be made Prime Minister. He informed the media that the book shall be released shortly and would be translated into several regional languages, besides Hindi.

- Balakrishna, S. Sangma to rake up issue of Sonia's foreign origin. *Times of India*. August 24, 2002 : 8.

The Nationalist Congress Party leader, P.A. Sangma, says that anybody who is a born citizen of India is acceptable as the Prime Minister, but that person should be experienced in politics to run the nation. He holds that the eligibility of a foreigner for the post of prime minister is a serious issue.

- Confessional. *India Today*. September 23, 2002 : 22.

Sangra, Surjit Singh, Lt. Gen. (Retd.)

Lt. Gen. Surjit Singh Sangra (Retd.) was sworn in as Chairman of the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) at a simple ceremony at Raj Bhavan on September 12, 2002. The oath of office was administered by the Governor, Lt. Gen. J.F.R. Jacob (retd.)

- Sangra sworn in as PPSC chief. *Tribune*. September 12, 2002 : 18.

Sangwan, Bimla

Ms. Bimla Sangwan has been appointed a Chairperson of the Haryana Women Development Corporation by the Haryana Government on May 5, 2002 at Chandigarh in place of Ms. Anita Dhankar who has resigned an health grounds.

– Bimla Sangwan. *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 3.

Sanijvan, Ruprah

Sanijvan Ruprah, an Indian arms-dealer was arrested by the Italian police in the city of Crema on August 3, 2002 for his suspected links with the Al-Qaida. He was travelling on a forged Belgian passport.

– Spotlight : Indian with Al-Qaida links held in Italy. *Tribune*. Augus 5, 2002 : 1.

Sankhdher, M.M. (Prof.)

Noted academician and political scientist Prof. M.M. Sankhdher (74) passed away in the capital on December 21, 2002 following heart failure. Prof. Sankhdher was the Chairman of the International Political Science Association Research Committee (Welfare State) as also the visiting professor in prominent universities across the globe. He served Delhi University for 35 years.

– Political scientist passes away. *Hindu*. December 25, 2002 : 11.

Sanyal, G.S. (Prof.)

The IIT alumni of USA gathered in Washington in a "East Coast Pan–IIT Conference" to pay tribute to their teachers from back home. The first honour, dubbed Oscar–style as the Lifetime Award, went to Prof. G.S. Sanyal, an 81–year–old telecommunications teacher from IIT Kharagpur. Alumni led by Techspan's Arjun Malhotra gave a $ 2·5 million 'gurudakshina' to establish a school named after him.

– Rajghatta, Chidanand. IIT alumni in US give it back. *Times of India*. October 15, 2002 : 11.

Sarabhai, Mallika

Well-known and celebrated classical dancer Mallika Sarabhai filed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in Supreme Court seeking a direction to the Gujarat Govt. to investigate all crimes committed from February 27, 2002 in the aftermath of the Godhara carnage. In her petition she has also said that special investigation team constituted should be directed to invite public complaints for the purpose of registering first information reports (FIRs).

– SC admits PIL on Gujarat. *Tribune*. April 16, 2002 : 1.

Saraswati, Jayendra (Sankaracharya)

Kanchi Shankaracharya Jayendra Saraswati arrived in New Delhi on June 24 amid speculations of another round of efforts on his part to resolve the Ayodhya issue. Shankaracharya's visit assumes special significance in view of the recent turnaround made by VHP regarding its earlier commitment to maintain a *status quo* on the disputed site in Ayodhya till the announcement of a court verdict on the dispute.

– Kanchi seer to play arbiter in Delhi. *Tribune.* June 25, 2002 : 1.

– Good news in 3 months: Kanchi Acharya. *Hindu.* June 27, 2002 : 1.

The Sankaracharya of Kanchi, Jayendra Saraswati has ridiculed the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's demand for trifurcation of Jammu and Kashmir and has cautioned that the "very thought of trifurcation of the Jammu and Kashmir is highly dangerous and explosive".

– Kanchi Acharya criticizes RSS proposal on J&K. *Hindu.* July 6, 2002 : 13.

Sarna, Navtej

Mr. Navtej Sarna on October 16, 2002 took over as the new spokesperson for the Ministry of External Affairs. He replaced Ms. Nirupama Rao. Mr. Sarna's last assignment was as Minister (Press, Information and Culture) in the Indian embassy in Washington.

– Navtej Sarna new MEA spokesman. *Tribune.* October 17, 2002 : 8.

Sarna, Paramjit Singh

Newly elected President of the Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee offered to quit politics if his links with Mr. Sajjan Kumar, as alleged by Bhai Ranjit Singh, former Akal Takht Jathedar, were proved.

– Sarna to quit if links with Sajjan proved. *Tribune.* August 12, 2002 : 7.

Saroj Rani (Dr.)

Head of the Fine Arts Department of the Punjabi University Patiala was arrested by the police on March 27, 2002 for alleged attempt of rape case registered against Varsity's VC, Dr. J.S. Ahluwalia by Fine Arts girl student Saru Rana.

– Fine Arts Dept. head held : Saru Rana case. *Tribune.* March 28, 2002 : 1.

Punjabi Univesity Fine Arts Department Head, Dr. Saroj Rani, who has been arrested in a case of attempt to rape, in which she is co-accused along with Vice-Chancellor Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia, was on March 30 remanded to judicial custody till April 8, 2002. She was arrested on March 27 and had been given a two-day police remand.

– Saroj Rani in court custody;hospitalized due to hunger strike. *Tribune.* March 31, 2002 : 5.

Saroj Rani in charge of Punjabi University's Fine Arts Department and the Director of the Museum and Art gallery there has been placed under suspension from March 27, 2002. She is a co-accused with Jasbir Singh Ahluwalia, the former VC of Punjabi University, in the attempt to rape case got registered by a student, Saru Rana.

– Saroj suspended, hunt continues for Ahluwalia. *Times of India.* May 4, 2002 : 5.

Sasikiran, Krishnan

Grandmaster Krishnan Sasikiran kept the Indian flag flying high, beating Russian GM Alexander Motylev to retain his position among the leaders after the fourth round of the XIII Goodricke International Open Chess tournament at the Gorky Sadan in Kolkata on March 20, 2002.

- Sasikiran outwits Motylev. *Hindu*. March 20, 2002 : 19.

The top seed GM Sasikiran of India met his waterloo at the hands of International Master Mathew Turner of England in the sixth round of the British Chess Championship at Torquay on August 4, 2002.

- Sasikaran loses to Turner. *Hindu*. August 5, 2002 : 20.

Satbir Singh

Haryana's Satbir Singh etched a new meet record in the 400 mtrs. in the 42nd National Inter-State Athletic Championship on June 1, 2002. Satbir clocked 45.84 sec, erasing the record that stood in the name of Lijo David Thottan of Kerala (46.35 sec).

- Haryana's Satbir sets new record. *Tribune*. June 2, 2002 : 23.
- Nair Avinash. Satbir's burst, the highlight of the day. *Hindu*. June 2, 2002 : 20.

Savita Rani

The Principal of the Darbhanga M.R. Mahila College, Savita Rani, is doing what the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the L.N. Mithila University (LNMU) administration could not do. She is constructing a reading hall for the students of her College with her own money.

The students of the only women's constituent College in the town did not have a reading hall attached to the college library. Consequently, the students were forced to read in the open field after borrowing books from the library. They had been pressing the college administration for a reading hall for the last many years. The college reportedly made several requests to the LNMU authorities either to grant the requisite fund or to approach the UGC for the grant. However, this could not materialize, and successive principals of the College remained helpless.

Finally, the present principal, who is retiring from service on July 31 next, decided to get the reading hall constructed on the roof of the library building with her own money. As the approval of the university was needed for this, she wrote a letter to the Vice-Chancellor. Her request was put up before the Syndicate which, at its meeting on April 13 last, gave the approval for construction with profuse thanks to the Principal for this noble venture.

A jubilant Principal started the construction of the hall estimated to cost about Rs.1.3 lakh. The construction is going on, and the Principal has already spent Rs. 60,000 of her money on this venture. She is determined to complete the building and hand it to the College before she retires.

- Jha, Binay Kumar. Principal constructing a reading hall at own cost. *Times of India*. July 8, 2002 : 10.

Sawant, P.B. (Justice)

Retired Supreme Court Judge, Justice P.B. Sawant, who was a part of the eight-member inquiry commission–the Concerned Citizen's Tribunal– discusses about the ramifications of the Tribunal's report in an interview with the weekly *Outlook.*

- Interview : 'Report can be basis to chargesheet Modi'. *Outlook.* November 26– December 2, 2002 : 44.

Sawhny, Vinod

Mr. Vinod Sawhny, Managing Director, Spice Telecom – Punjab, has resigned. His resignation has been accepted by the management, it was officially announced in Chandigarh on June 28, 2002. Mr. Sawhny in a talk with TNS said that he had been associated with Spice Telecom for the past two and a half years during which he had been instrumental in expanding the subscriber base of the company from just about 60,000 to 3,70,000. "I built the company from a scratch", he said.

- Vinod Sawhny quits Spice Telecom. *Tribune.* June 29, 2002 : 7.

Sayeed, Mufti Mohammed

Leader of the People's Democratic Party, Mufti Mohammed Sayeed would be the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir. The decision was announced by the Congress President Mrs. Sonia Gandhi following a two-hour meeting with Sayeed on October 26, 2002. Mr. Sayeed would lead a coalition of the People's Democratic Party, Congress, smaller parties and independents. Post of Chief Minister would be rotational and each party would have the post for three year.

- Sood Prashant. Mufti to be CM : Cong., PP agree on rotation. *Sunday Tribune.* October 27, 2002 : 1, 7.

Sayeed, P.M.

Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, P.M. Sayeed admitted the Opposition sponsored censure motion, over communal violence in Gujarat on April 23, 2002, thus ending six-day impasse over the combined Opposition's demand to discuss the Gujarat issue under rule 184 entailing voting. Sayeed in his ruling said: "The Gujarat situation cannot be construed as an ordinary law and order matter which is the concern only of the state government"..." More importantly, I would urge all Members of the House to remind themselves of Article 355 of the Constitution according to which it shall be the duty of the Union to protect every State inter-alia against internal disturbance and ensure that the government of every State is carried on in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution".

- Setback for Govt., debate will be under rule 184. *Times of India.* April 24, 2002 : 1.
- Censure move on Gujarat admitted. *Tribune.* April 24, 2002 : 1.

Scindia, Jyotiraditya

Mr. Jyotiraditya Scindia son of Late Congress leader Madhavrao Scindia filed his nomination for the by-poll election of Guna Lok Sabha seat on January 18, 2002.

- Jyotiraditya files his nomination from Guna. *Pioneer*. January 19, 2002 : 5.
- Jyotiraditya wins Guna LS seat by huge margin. *Tribune*. February 25, 2002 : 8.

Scindia, Vasundhara Raje

Union Small Industries Minister Vasundhara Raje was on September 12, 2002 appointed, as the new chief of the Party's Rajasthan unit, by the BJP President Mr. M. Venkaiah Naidu. She replaces Mr. Bhanwar Lal Sharma.

- In Brief : Vasundhara is chief of Rajasthan BJP. *Tribune*. September 14, 2002 : 9.
- Vasundhara to play Hindutva, Jat card. *Tribune*. September 14, 2002 : 9.
- BJP leader raises banner of revolt against Vasundhara. *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 5.

Sehwag, Virender

Virender Sehwag's hurricane knock of 82 helped India win the fourth one dayer against England in Kanpur on January 28. The duo of Sehwag-Sachin made 134 runs for the first wicket and put the team on road to victory. India beat England by eight wickets to take a 3–1 lead in the six-match series. Sehwag was declared as the Man-of-the Match.

- The look alikes demolish England. *Tribune*. January 29, 2002 : 16.
- Sehwag's blistering batting stole the show. *Tribune*. January 29, 2002 : 16.
- 'Tendulkar is my role model'. *Tribune*. January 29, 2002 : 16.

Sekhon, Manjit Singh, Air Marshal (Retd.)

Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Air Command (Thiruvananthapuram), Air Marshal Sekhon has been asked to quit service following newspapers publishing his letter addressed to former Chief Minister of Punjab and a regional leader Parkash Singh Badal requesting his help in getting him posted as Western Air Commander. Sekhon sought to leverage Badal's clout with the Prime Minister to further his career. In the letter to Badal, Sekhon said: " I am the most qualified and experienced to command WAC and I will be able to tackle J&K and Pakistan as required by the government. Also I will be able to help people of Punjab in many ways…" I request you Sir, to speak with the Hon'ble PM and get me posted to WAC… With Akalpurukh's blessings and your help, I can become the Chief of the Air Staff of IAF one day".

- Sekhon removed as Southern Command AOC-in-C. *Tribune*. March 14, 2002 : 18.
- Air Marshal Sekhon asked to quite service. *Times of India*. March 14, 2002: 1, 7.
- Murmurs in Air Force over leak, Air Marshal Sekhon's letter to Badal. *Tribune*. March 15, 2002 : 8.
- Air Marshal Sekhon told to quit. *Tribune*. March 18, 2002 : 1.
- Marshal Arts and self goals. *India Today*. March 19-25, 2002 : 14.
- Sekhon issue gets murkier. *Tribune*. March 19, 2002 : 1.
- Mann: action against Sekhon unfair. *Tribune*. March 19, 2002 : 7.
- Sekhon forced to retire. *Tribune*. March 20, 2002 : 1.
- Rivalry in IAF surfaces. *Tribune*. March 20, 2002 : 1, 20.

In an editorial under the caption 'The Sekhon Issue', the *Hindu* writes: there was absolutely no way that the Air Force could have retained Air Marshal Sekhon, who headed the Southern Air Command and was based in Thiruvananthapuram once the facts about his misdemeanour came to light. Mr. Sekhon's transgression lay in a letter he wrote to the former Punjab Chief Minister, Parkash Singh Badal, in which he sought the latter's help in getting posted as the Chief of the Western Air Command. Since the Western Air Command is responsible for air security along the country's sensitive Western border, becoming its chief has been traditionally regarded as the stepping-stone to head the Air Force itself. One of the important issues that the controversy has brought into focus is the role that the political interference plays in securing service postings… Interfering in postings, particularly in sensitive areas such as the armed forces, is a dangerous and deplorable business.

- The Sekhon issue. *Hindu*. March 22, 2002 : 10.

Defending the action of the Govt., M.K.B. Nambiar from Palloor, Mahe writes to the Editor: The action of Air Marshal M.S. Sekhon in canvassing political support for career improvement is a serious misdemeanour incompatible with his official status. The Government is right in insisting on his resignation as this will have a salutary effect.

On the other hand, Çol. (Retd.) Sudarshan Singh from Los Angeles, US states: The punishment to Air Marshal Manjit Singh Sekhon is out of proportion to the mistake committed by him… Political influence in defence promotions has been the order of the day ever-since the NDA came to power. Why is he being singled out?

- Letters to Editor. *Hindu*. March 22, 2002 : 10.
- Sekhon's village peeved at his ouster. *Tribune*. March 22, 2002 : 1, 14.
- Mann threatens dharna inside Lok Sabha. *Tribune*. March 22, 2002 : 1.

- Harwant Singh. Sekhon's exit raises many disturbing questions. *Tribune.* March 24, 2002 : 12.
- Who says the armed forces aren't politicized.*Times of India.* March 24, 2002 : 14.
- Air Marshal Sekhon's letter: it may be normal, but systems get damaged: Editor's mail. *Tribune.* March 25, 2002 : 10.
- He itched for action: S.S. Mann; Editor's Mail. *Tribune.* March 25, 2002 : 10.
- Gupta Shishir. Wings of Shame. *India Today.* March 26-April 1, 2002 : 32, 33.
- Warm homecoming awaits Sekhon. *Tribune.* July 1, 2002 : 5.

Controversial Air Force officer Air Marshal M.S. Sekhon (retd.) joined Congress Party at an ex-servicemen's rally at Jalandhar on September 2, 2002.

- Decision to join Congress spontaneous : Sekhon. *Tribune.* September 4, 2002 : 6.

Sekhri, Ashwani

Mr. Ashwani Sekhri, Minister of State, Industries and Cultural Affairs & Tourism in the Amarinder Singh Cabinet, created ruckus in Punjab Udyog Bhavan on May 20, 2002 when he along with his supporters, trooped in and occupied the office room of Mr. A.S. Chatha, Chairman of the Committee on Industry. A report published in the *Tribune* dated May 21, 2002 quotes eyewitnesses "despite the nameplate of Mr. Chatha, the Minister and his supporters occupied the room and asked Mr. Chatha, the former Chief Secretary, to find a room elesehwere.

- Minister creates ruckus. *Tribune.* May 21, 2002 : 10.

Sema, Hotoi Khetodo (Justice)

Mr. Justice Hotoi Khetodo Sema was sworn in as the new Judge of the Supreme Court on April 9 in New Delhi. CJ S.P. Bharucha administrated the oath of office and secrecy at a simple ceremony in his room. He was earlier the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

- SC Judge sworn in. *Tribune.* April 10, 2002 : 1.

Sen, Paritosh

Renowned Indian painter, Paritosh Sen, has received the Officer of the Order of the Arts and Letters Award of the French government. The award given by the French Ministry of culture and communications was presented to Sen by French Ambassador to India Bernard de Montferrand in Kolkata.

- Indian painter wins French award. *Tribune.* April 17, 2002 : 7.

Sengupta, Prabir

Mr. Prabir Sengupta, a retired IAS officer of 1965 batch has been appointed as Director-general of the prestigious Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi. Earlier he was the Commerce Secretary.

– India Digest : IIFT gets new DG. *Times of India*. August 23, 2002 : 7.

Setalvad, Teesta

Veteran Indian journalist Teesta Setalvad (40) and Pakistani human rights activist Ibn Abdur Rehman were named as winners of the International Nuremberg Human Rights Prize for 2003 on October 6, 2002. The Prize awarded every two years, comes with 15000 euros ($ 14680) and will be handed to the two recipients in September 2003.

– Spotlight : Indian, Pakisani get Human Rights Award. *Tribune*. October 7, 2002 : 1.

Sethi, Arjun

Mr. Arjun Sethi (MP) was on November 17, 2002 re-elected as the leader of Biju Janata Dal in the Lok Sabha as also the leader of its parliamentary party. Mr. B.J. Panda will be the leader of Biju Janata Dal in the Rajya Sabha.

– BJD re-elects Sethi as LS leader. *Tribune*. November 18, 2002 : 18.

– Digest : BJD LS leader. *Hindu*. November 18, 2002 : 1.

Sethia, Kanhaiya Lal

Noted Rajasthan Poet, Kanhaiya Lal Sethia, has been selected by the Rajasthani Bhasha Sanskriti Academy for its Prithvi Raj Rathore Award. Sethia shall be honoured with a citation and a cash prize of Rs.51,000/- for his contribution in the field of Rajasthani literature, Art and Culture.

– Rajasthani Award for Sethia. *Tribune*. March 17, 2002 : 8.

Sethumadhavan, K.S.

The Malayalam filmmaker, K.S. Sethumadhavan, was appointed Chairman of the 49th National Film Awards and Indian Panorama. His appointment follows the "voluntary withdrawal" of the Chairperson Amol Palekar and three other Jury members namely Manmohan Mohapatra, Rajeswari Sachdeva and Dolly Ahluwalia Tewari, on the plea that they were directly or indirectly associated with some of the entries in the reckoning for the awards.

– Sethumadhavan to head film awards jury. *Hindu*. July 9, 2002 : 13.

– After Palekar, Rajeshwari quits jury. *Tribune*. July 10, 2002 : 20.

Shaan

Pop singer Shaan was declared the "Favourite Indian Artiste–pop" for his song "Tanha Dil" at the inaugural MTV Asia awards–2002 function in Singapore.

He bagged the top honours in the category beating other nominees, including Sonu Nigam, Asha Bhonsle, Falguni Pathak, Chitra and Ustad Sultan Khan.

– Shaan is favourite. *Tribune*. February 8, 2002 : 8.

Shah, Bharat

Controversial film financier Bharat Shah failed to appear before a special court on February 12, 2002 for the second day in succession due to his ill-health. Bharat Shah is an accused in a case of alleged nexus with the underworld.

– Bharat Shah fails to show up again. *Hindu*. February 13, 2002 : 11.

A special Mumbai court framed charges against film financier, Bharat Shah and three others on June 13, 2002, in a case of alleged nexus with the underworld. Trial would commence on June 26, 2002. Other accused in this case are: Producer Nasim Rizvi, his assistant Abdul Rahim Allah Baksh and Dubai-based diamond merchant Mohammad Shamshuddin. The accused were charged with offences under Section 120-B IPC, Section 115 IPC read with Section 302 IPC. They are also charged with offences under Section 3(2) of MCOCA, Section 3(4) of the same Act and Section 4 (possessing unaccountable wealth on behalf of crime syndicate).

– Spotlight: Bharat Shah. *Tribune*. June 14, 2002 :1.

– Charges framed against Bharat Shah, trial on June 26, 2002. *Hindu*. June 14, 2002 : 9.

The Mumbai Court on June 26 in Mumbai rejected appeals of film financier Bharat Shah in alleged nexus with the underworld to target Bollywood personalities for personal gains.

– HC rejects Shah's plea. *Tribune*. June 27, 2002 : 7.

– Trial in Bharat Shah case resumes. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 5.

Film financier Bharat-Shah, accused of being connected with the underworld and threatening cine actors has been allowed by Supreme Court to go to Belgium to attend the marriages of his younger brother's son and daughter but only after furnishing a security of Rs. 50 crore to the satisfaction of the trial court.

– SC allows Bharat Shah to go abroad. *Times of India*. August 27, 2002 : 9.

Mahesh Manjrekar, film director and key witness in the case of an alleged nexus between Bollywood and underworld, turned hostile on October 28, 2002 in a special court as he denied his alleged links with gangster Chhota Shakeel. He is the fourth witness in the case to turn hostile after Harish Sughand, Aftab Patel and Ratan Jain.

– Shah case : Another witness turns hostile. *Hindu*. October 29, 2002 : 5.

Shah, Naseeruddin

On March 21, Naseeruddin Shah along with his wife, Ratna Pathak Shah, and his daughter Heeba Shah staged a play, *Ismat Apa Ke Naam* at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The play is dedicated to the memory of Ismat Chugtai and is the solo enactment of three stories – *Chhui Muee*, told by Heeba; *Mughal Baccha*, which deals with the landed gentry of UP, enacted by Ratna Pathak Shah, and *Gharwali* narrated by Naseeruddin. Mandira Nayar adds: With no props, no other characters to fall back on, minimal sets, only the actor, his monologues and the audience, the greatest challenge is holding the attention of the audience – it is the test of acting in its purest form.

– Naseer's family show. *Hindu*. March 21, 2002 : 2.

Shah, Syed Gul Mohammad

Syed Gul Mohammad Shah, a resident of Hyderabad and presently based in the U.S., was sentenced to one year and one day in prison in connection with credit card scam. He was sentenced on August 15, 2002, in the U.S. District Court in Manhattan. He was ordered to pay restitution of about $ 415000. Shah along with Mohd. Azmath–a fellow Hyderabadi–was earlier suspected in the U.S. Government's terrorism investigation.

– Indian sentenced for credit card fraud. *Hindu*. August 17, 2002 : 12.

Shah, Vijay

Vijay Shah, brother of controversial Bollywood financier, Bharat Shah, set a new benchmark of opulence and innovation in Indian weddings when he reportedly spent a whopping £10 million on his children's marriage in a Belgian locale with 7000 guests. His children, Vinay Shah and Priya Shah, wedded on September 1, 2002.

– £ 10 million Indian wedding in Belgium. *Hindu*. September 3, 2002 : 12.

Shahi, B.N. (Lt. Gen.)

Lt. General Bijoy Nandan Shahi has taken over as Director-General of Armed Forces Medical Services in New Delhi. He shall be responsible for the health of the entire armed forces both during war and peace. General Shahi would also be the Principal Medical Advisor to the Union Defence Minister.

– Armed Forces Medical Services DG. *Hindu*. November 3, 2002 : 4.

Shahi, H.N. (Dr.)

Dr. H.N. Shahi, Director of the Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow has been placed under suspension pending a departmental inquiry against him on the charges of administrative and financial irregularities.

– Cane Institute chief suspended. *Tribune*. May 15, 2002 : 8.

Shahi, Shivendra Pratap

Shivendra Pratap Shahi, heir to the former ruling family of Deara Estate in Sultanpur district, has surfaced as a new claimant to the 67 acres of acquired land near the disputed Ram Janambhoomi-Babri Masjid site at Ayodhya, saying that the land belonged to the charitable trust created by his family in 1893.

– New claimant for disputed site. *Hindu*. September 22, 2002 : 11.

Shakdher, S.L.

Former Chief Election Commissioner and Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha, Shakdher (83) passed away in New Delhi on May 18, 2002 following a brief illness. First Secretary of Parliamentary Affairs, Shakdher has co-authored a book 'Practice and Procedures of Parliament'.

– Ex-CEC Shakdher dead. *Tribune*. May 19, 2002 : 10.

– Glowing tributes paid to Shakdher. *Hindu*. May 20, 2002 : 12.

Shamsher Singh

Shamsher Singh, a pharmacist with Punjab Animal Husbandary Department, one of the most wanted persons in the PPSC recruitment scam case has been evading arrest though his application for anticipatory bail has been rejected and non-bailable warrants against him have been issued second time. The vigilance officials feel that Shamsher Singh who was a signatory to the Zirakpur farmhouse deal was functioning as one of the main touts of Ravi Sidhu and can throw light on PPSC affairs.

– Shamsher to throw light on PPSC affairs. *Tribune*. May 3, 2002 : 3.

Shankar, P.

P. Shankar, a 1966 batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre, has been appointed on June 21, 2002, Secretary, Planning Commission. He succeeds, S.S. Boparai who retired on June 30, 2002. He had recently put in his papers as Tamil Nadu Chief Secretary.

Planning Commission Secretary P. Shankar's name has been cleared for the post of Central Vigilance Commissioner by a high level committee headed by the Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee on August 19, 2002. Shankar is 1966 batch IAS officer of Tamil Nadu cadre. He has been the Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu also.

– Clippings : P. Shankar is new CVC. *Hindustan Times*. August 20, 2002 : 1, 9.

The Planning Commission Secretary, P. Shankar succeeds Nagarajan Vittal as Central Vigilance Commissioner. Vittal's tenure ends early next month.

– Shankar new CVC. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 10.

P. Shankar takes over CVC on September 3, 2002. A 1966 batch IAS officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, he has held key appointments both in his home state and at the Centre. He was collector of Tiruchirapalli before it was bifurcated, Industry Secretary, Chairman of the Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Corporation as well as the southern state's Social Welfare Secretary. During his first stint in New Delhi he was Joint Secretary (Textiles) and returned to Tamil Nadu for a cooling off period.

On returning to New Delhi for the second time, he served as Financial Adviser in the high profile Ministry of External Affairs in the rank of Additional Secretary. Then he was promoted and made member-Secretary of the Disinvestment Commission headed by Mr. G.V. Ramakrishna. Thereafter, he assumed charge as Secretary (Heavy Industry) and later looked after food, sugar and vegetable oils in the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies before becoming Secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

On AIADMK supremo J. Jayalalithaa again becoming Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, she specially sought the services of Mr. Shankar. He moved to Chennai as Chief Secretary for 14 months before bouncing back to the national Capital as member-Secretary of the Planning Commission.

– New CVC a man of few words. *Tribune*. August 22, 2002 : 8.

Mr. P. Shankar, a senior IAS officer and Planning Commission Secretary, was on September 3, 2002 sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) at a brief ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan. President APJ Abdul Kalam administered the oath of office to Mr. Shankar. He will have a four year term as CVC.

– P. Shankar sworn in as CVC. *Times of India*. September 4, 2002 : 11.

– Digest : Shankar sworn in as CVC. *Hindu*. September 4, 2002 : 1, 12.

The Central Vigilance Commissioner, Mr. P. Shankar on November 3, 2002 called for fighting corruption in an organisation through in-house peer advisory boards, comprising honest officers of integrity as they would be in a better position to evaluate charges against the employees compared to outside agencies including the one headed by him.

– CVC moots advisory boards to check corruption. *Hindu*. November 4, 2002 : 13.

Shanta Kumar

Faced with the threat of strong disciplinary action for his outbursts against Narendra Modi, Mr. Shanta Kumar, the Union Minister for Food and Consumer Affairs, tendered a written apology to the party high command on April 17, 2002. The letter reads: " I am really very sorry. I had no intention of acting in such indisciplinary way. I am a devoted and disciplined worker from my childhood since last fifty years. I regret for such public statement made by me."

– Shanta Kumar apologises. *Times of India*. April 18, 2002 : 1.

Shanta Kumar, Union Food Minister is likely to be removed from Union Cabinet for airing views critical of Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi – a party colleague. This is despite his tendering unqualified written apology to the party president Jana Krishnamurthy. His removal is likely to be affected in the ensuing cabinet reshuffle in the month of May.

– Shanta may be dropped. *Tribune*. April 19, 2002 : 1.

– Shanta Kumar sends another apology letter. *Hindu*. April 20, 2002 : 11.

– Editorial: The dead and the dying. *Tribune*. April 20, 2002 : 10.

– Shanta Kumar mollifies VHP. *Tribune*. April 23, 2002 : 7.

Shantanu Kumar

Director-General of Police of Rajasthan Shantanu Kumar's son Hemant reportedly created trouble at the Rambagh Palace Hotel in Jaipur on the night of August 15, 2002. DGP's son Hemant reportedly harassed a family from Assam staying in a suite of the hotel. The affected family was in a state of shock and had to be escorted by the Hotel's security officer on way to Delhi. No FIR has been lodged while the State Government has ordered an administrative inquiry being conducted by the Additional Chief Secretary (Development) O.P. Behari.

– Probe ordered into trouble at Jaipur hotel. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 5.

Shantaram, Kiran

Noted film-maker Kiran Shantaram was sworn in as the new Sheriff of Mumbai on April 26, 2002. He succeeds Ashok Mehta. Maharashtra Governor, Dr. P.C. Alexander administered the oath of office to Kiran Shantaram at a function is Raj Bhavan. He is the son of legendary film-maker V. Shantaram and his term of office shall be up to December 19, 2002.

– Kiran Shantaram sworn in Mumabi Sheriff. *Hindu*. April 24, 2002 : 9.

Sharma, A.K.

Mr. A.K. Sharma was reinstated on December 28, 2002 as Mehsana SP. He was earlier removed from the post of Mehsana (Gujarat) superintendent of police under the Election Commission directive before the Assembly polls in Gujarat.

– Mehsana SP reinstated. *Sunday Times of India*. December 29, 2002 : 7.

Sharma, Dev Raj

Mr. Dev Raj Sharma was sworn in as Chairman of the Himachal Pradesh Public Service Commission in Shimla on November 12, 2002. Governor Dr. Suraj Bhan deministered the oath of office to Mr. Sharma at a ceremony held in Raj Bhavan.

– New HPPSC chief sworn in. *Tribune*. November 13, 2002 : 6.

Sharma, G.K.

Mr. G.K. Sharma, former Indian diplomat and writer passed away in Bahrain on October 10, 2002. He was 67. His diplomatic career spanned more than 40 years and he served with Indian embassies all over the world from Moscow to Canada and Kuwait to Doha.

– Global Monitor : Ex-Indian diplomat G.K. Sharma dead. *Sunday Tribune*. October 13, 2002 : 11.

Sharma, Madhu

Madhu Sharma, wife of the prime accused, R.K. Sharma, IG Prisons (Haryana) accused the Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Pramod Mahajan, of being a "liar" and having "intimate" relations with Shivani. On August 17, 2002 she had said that she was not aware of the exact nature of relationship between Mahajan and Shivani. On August 20, 2002. She said "... they enjoyed an intimate relationship."

– Madhu Sharma shifts her stand ; 'Let Mahajan undergo lie detector test. *Hindu*. August 21, 2002 : 1.

Sharma, Mangat Ram

Senior Congress leader Mr. Mangat Ram Sharma took over as the Deputy Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir in Srinagar on November 2, 2002. Mr. Sharma represents the Jammu West segment where he defeated Jammu State Morcha candidate, Mr. Virender Gupta.

– Jammu rejoices over Sharma's appointment. *Hindu*. November 3, 2002 : 9.

– Swarup, Harihar. Profile : He doesn't disappoint anyone. *Tribune*. November 10, 2002 : 13.

Sharma, Manju

Manju Sharma, Secretary in the Ministry of Science and Technology has been selected for the G.M. Modi Innovative Science and Technology Award for 2002. Ms. Sharma is being awarded for her work in promoting Biotechnology and her contribution has been recognized internationally. The award will be presented by the Union Minister for Human Resource Development on August 9, 2002 in New Delhi and carries a cash prize of Rs.1.01 lakh.

– Briefly: G.M. Modi Awards. *Hindu*. July 23, 2002 : 4.

Sharma, Manu

Main accused in the Jessica Lal murder case, Manu Sharm's interim bail was extended by the Delhi High Court on December 2, 2002.

– Manu Sharma's bail extended. *Tribune*. December 3, 2002 : 7.

Sharma, M.K.

Vice-Chairman of Hindustan Lever Limited Mr. M.K. Sharma was on September 27, 2002, elected President of the Indian Soap and Toiletries Maker's Association (ISTMA).

– Biz Briefs : ISTMA chief. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 15.

Sharma, Mithilesh Kumar

The Union Environment Ministry has appointed Mithilesh Kumar Sharma as the Director-General of Forests. He is a 1971-batch Indian Forest Service Officer who was Principal Chief Conservator of Forests in the Maharashtra

Govt. He was the Additional Director-General of Forest in the Environment Ministry earlier.

– New D-G of Forests. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 13.

Sharma, Nagendra (Dr.)

Professor (Dr.) Nagendra Sharma, took over as the new Director of the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal on December 5, 2002. Dr. Sharma was earlier the Director of Central Institute of Research on Goats, Makdoom (Mathura).

– Sharma is NDRI Director. *Tribune*. December 6, 2002 : 7.

Sharma, Prakashwati

Prakashwati Sharma, a former member of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission took the oath of office and secrecy as the Member of the Union Public Service Commission on March 20, 2002 in New Delhi.

– UPSC member takes oath. *Hindu.* March 21, 2002 : 4.

Sharma, Pyarelal Ramprasad (Pyarelal)

Mr. Pyarelal Ramprasad Sharma (Pyarelal of the Laxmikant–Pyarelal duo) has been nominated for the Maharashtra Government's prestigious Lata Mangeshkar Award for life-time contribution to music.

Sharma, Rakesh

Rakesh Sharma of Punjab Police has become Mr. Punjab 2002, winning the title at the 29th Senior Punjab State Body-building Championship held at Malerkotla on January 28.

– Rakesh wins title. *Tribune*. January 30, 2002 : 16.

Sharma, Ravi Kant

Ravi Kant Sharma, an IPS Officer of the 1976 batch, and presently Inspector-General of Police, Prisons, Haryana at Chandigarh is suspected to be the key figure in the conspiracy to eliminate Shivani Bhatnagar, a Delhi-based journalist. Whereas Delhi Police raided his house at Panchkula twice to arrest him, he was not available and was, said to be arranging his bail.

– Delhi Police raids IG's house twice. *Tribune*. August 5, 2002 : 1.

– IGP Sharma seeks bail, remains in hiding, alleges conspiracy. *Tribune*. August 6, 2002 : 1.

Haryana IGP (Prisons) Ravi Kant Sharma, who is the main suspect in the Shivani murder case, stayed away from duty at the end of his 10-day leave on August 12. Delhi Police has so far failed to arrest him, though raids at different places continued. Mrs. Madhu Sharma, his wife, had sought meeting with the Prime Minister to apprise him of real position. She has sent copies of her petition to PM, CJI and NHRC, alleging that her husband is being framed in the case at the behest of the Union Home Ministry. Sharma filed an anticipatory bail application in a Delhi Court on August 13.

- IG's wife seeks meeting with PM. *Tribune*. August 12, 2002 : 20.
- IG fails to join duty. *Tribune*. August 13, 2002 : 3.
- IGP Sharma stays away from office. *Times of India*. August 13, 2002 : 1.
- IG Sharma's bail plea rejected. *Tribune*. August 14, 2002 : 18.
- Daughter seeks meeting with PM. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 1.
- NHRC rejects Madhu's plea. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 1.
- Madhu moves NHRC for justice. *Hindustan Times*. August 20, 2002 : 3.
- Sharma, Neeta. Sharma trying to throw us off track : Police. *Hindustan Times*. August 20, 2002 : 3.
- Sharma, Neeta and Rajnish Sharma. Police claim they have tape to nail IGP. *Hindustan Times*. August 20, 2002 : 1.
- Did Sharma get the better of Delhi police ? *Hindu*. August 21, 2002 : 1.
- Delhi Police questions Madhu, daughters. *Tribune*. August 23, 2002 : 1, 20.

The Haryana Government, on August 23, 2002 suspended Mr. Ravi Kant Sharma, I.G. (Prisons)

- Ravi Kant Sharma suspended. *Tribune*. August 24, 2002 : 20.
- Delhi police looks for Sharma in HP. *Times of India*. August 28, 2002 : 3.
- Haryana police deny charges of shielding R.K. Sharma. *Hindu*. September 3, 2002 : 11.
- Shivani murder : Sharma on misleading trail ? *Times of India*. September 6, 2002 : 3.

Police had attached six properties of R.K. Sharma including four hours ad sealed his bank accounts. A Delhi Court had on Sept. 9 allowed police to attach his properties and declare him proclaimed offender.

- Police seizes movable assets of R.K. Sharma. *Times of India*. September 19, 2002 : 1.
- Police seizes Ravi Kant's property. *Tribune*. September 19, 2002 : 1.
- IG's mother changes will : Move to save ancestral property. *Tribune*. September 20, 2002 : 18.

The Delhi Police on September 24 filed a caveat in the Supreme Court to pre-empt suspended Haryana Police Officer R.K. Sharma, prime accused in the Shivani Bhatnagar murder case, from obtaining possible ex-parte anticipatory bail order.

- Police file caveat in SC in Shivani case. *Times of India*. September 25, 2002 : 14.
- Police files caveat in Ravi Kant case. *Tribune*. September 25, 2002 : 18.
- Shivani case : caveat filed. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 1.
- Joshi, G.P. What R.K. Sharma tells us. *Indian Express*. September 25, 2002 : 8.

The suspended Haryana Inspector General of Police (Prisons), Mr. Ravi Kant Sharma, surrendered before the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Ambala, Ms. Sarita Gupta, on September 27, 2002.

- Gupta, Yoginder and Rahul Das. Ravi Kant surrenders in Ambala court : Remanded to judicial custody till October 5. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 1, 14.

A Delhi Court on September 28 remanded Mr. Ravi Kant Sharma to 10-day police custody.

- 10-day police remand of R.K. Sharma. *Tribune*. September 29, 2002 : 1, 24.
- Nirnimesh Kumar. Police give up 'affair' theory. *Hindu*. September 29, 2002 : 3.
- Pandey, Devesh K. Unique interrogation for R.K. Sharma. *Hindu*. September 30, 2002 : 1.
- Editorial : IPS officer in police net. *Tribune*. September 30, 2002 : 10.
- Editorial : The surrender of Sharma. *Hindu*. September 30, 2002 : 10.

A Delhi court on October 11, 2002 ordered the police to release unconditionally the movable and immovable properties of Mr. R.K. Sharma.

- Devinder Kumar. Shivani Murder : Parlez vous ? *Outlook*. October 8-14, 2002 : 32, 33.
- Sharma's properties released. *Tribune*. October 12, 2002 : 22.

Sharma, R.K.

Shri R.K. Sharma, the Additional Commissioner of Police (Armed Police) was arrested by the Dehra Dun Police on August 22, 2002 on charges of criminally assaulting a 27-year-old woman in his house at Dehra Dun. The Chief Judicial Magistrate sent Sharma to 14 days judicial custody.

- Senior Delhi cop charged with assault, held in Dehra Dun. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 5.
- Top Delhi cop held on rape charge. *Tribune*. August 24, 2002 : 1.
- Rape victim wanted to tie rakhi to ACP. *Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 10.

The Additional Commissioner of the Delhi Police, R.K. Sharma was suspended with effect from August 26, 2002.

- Digest : Delhi Police Officer suspended. *Hindu*. August 29, 2002 : 1.

Sharma, S.D. (Dr)

Vice-Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla Dr S.D. Sharma on Sept. 24, while inaugurating a programme in environmental economics at Shimla, remarked that there is a need to involve every individual in environmental issues to protect the humankind from the fury of nature.

– Educate people on environment : V.C. *Tribune*. September 25, 2002 : 2.

Sharma, Shankar

The Delhi High Court on January 9, 2002 rejected the bail plea of the First Global Director, Shankar Sharma, who is in judicial custody for alleged violation of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).

– First Global Director's bail plea rejected. *Tribune*. January 10, 2002 : 6.

– Tavleen Singh. Tehleka : a Kafkaesque case. *Tribune*. January 19, 2002 : 11.

A Mumbai Court on February 22, 2002 rejected the bail plea of Mr. Shankar Sharma, Chief of the First Global stock broking firm. Mr. Sharma is held in custody of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for alleged contravention of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA).

– Round-up : Shankar Sharma's bail plea rejected. *Tribune*. February 23, 2002 : 15.

Sharma, Subhash

Mr. Subhash Sharma, joined Delhi Development Authority as its Vice-Chairman on November 1, 2002. An IAS officer of 1970 batch, Mr. Sharma has earlier served as the Chairman of New Delhi Municipal Council.

– New Vice-Chairman for DDA. *Hindu*. November 2, 2002 : 4.

Sharma, Vaikunt

Renowned Sanskrit scholar Pandit Vaikunt Sharma (102) passed away in Kanpur on October 11, 2002. He had taught Sanskrit grammar, nyaya and philosophy at Baldev Sahai Sanskrit College for about four decades.

– In Brief : Sanskrit scholar Vaikunt Sharma dead. *Tribune*. October 13, 2002 : 10.

Sharma, Ved

Mr. Ved Sharma, a suspect in the journalist Shivani Bhatnagar murder case, was on September 30, 2002 remanded by a Delhi Court to eight day's police custody. He was brought to New Delhi from Haryana where he was serving 10-year imprisonment in a rape case.

– Shivani murder accused gets police remand. *Tribune*. October 8, 2002 : 1.

Shastri, Dev Dutt

Dev Dutt Shastri, Chairman of the All India Forward Bloc, died on June 28, 2002 in New Delhi. He was 84. A close associate of Netaji Subhhas Chandra Bose, Shastri was a veteran leader of the freedom movement.

Born in Bilhour, Kanpur, in 1919, Shastri led various movements and rallies against Emergency. He was President of Urdu Muhafiz Dasta, UP from 1967 to 1970, a patron of Police Union of UP from 1970 to 1974 and one of the founder members of the AIFB. He was also Chairman of TUCC (Trade Union Coordination Centre), AIFB trade union wing and editor of the party journal 'Jan Garjan'.

- Dev Dutt Shastri dead. *Tribune*. June 29, 2002 : 10.

Shastri, Girdhari Lal

Himachal Pradesh Vishwa Hindu Parishad Vice-President, Girdhari Lal Shastri, died of cardiac arrest in Mandi on August 4. He was 83.

- VHP leader dead. *Tribune*. August 6, 2002 : 6.

Shastri, Shrikant

Noted cancer specialist and chief radiotherapist at Indore Cancer Foundation, Shrikant Shastri, was killed in a road accident on June 30, 2002. The car in which he was travelling along with three fellow doctors collided with a tanker at Bhonrasa, near Dewas.

- Cancer specialist dies in a road mishap. *Tribune*. July 1, 2002 : 10.

Shastri, Vishnu Kant

Deputy Prime Minister, L.K. Advani, replying to a special discussion on the recent political developments in UP, asserted in Lok Sabha on November 28 that the Governor Vishnu Kant Shastri has committed no wrong and he has conducted himself as per the best traditions of the Constitution. He further said, "As per my understanding of the Constitution and pronouncements of the Supreme Court, the Centre has no power to give any directive to the Governor.

- UP Governor not partisan : Advani. *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 1.
- Advani backs Shastri ; walkout by Oppn. *Tribune*. November 29, 2002 : 7.

Shekhawat, Bhairon Singh

Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was nominator as a candidate for the office of the Vice-President of India.

- Harihar Swaroop. Profile: Fortune smiles on Shekhawat again. *Tribune*. July 21, 2002 : 13.
- I have no enemies, says Shekhawat. *Hindu*. July 22, 2002 : 13.
- Prays for rain. *Hindu*. July 22, 2002 : 13.

Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was elected Vice-President of India on August 12. He defeated the joint Opposition candidate Sushil Kumar Shinde by a margin of 149 votes securing 454 votes. As many as 45 MPs cross-voted in his favour, 22 MPs not casting their votes, and seven being invalid votes.

- Shekhawat is Vice-President. *Tribune*. August 13, 2002 : 1.
- Shekhawat's real test. *Tribune*. August 13, 2002 : 8 (editorial)
- Shekhawat elected Vice-President. *Times of India*. August 13, 2002 : 1.
- Shekhawat to be sworn in today. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 8.
- Shekhawat vows to rise above affiliations. *Times of India*. August 20, 2002 : 9.
- Shekhwat sworn in as Vice-President. *Tribune*. August 20, 2002 : 1.

Sher Singh, T.

T. Sher Singh, a lawyer form Guelph near Toronto, has become the first turbaned Sikh to get the Order of Canada, the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement. The highest honour has been bestowed to Singh for his vast record of public service as also promoting understanding among different religious communities in Canada.

- The Order of Canada goes to T Sher Singh. *Times of Ind.* February 7, 2002 : 10.

Sheth, Ketan

Ketan Sheth, the broker held in the Rs.92.78 crore Seamen's Provident Fund scam was released on bail of Rs.20 lakh with one or two surities of the some amount on July 20, 2000.

- Ketan gets bail. *Sunday Times of India*. July 21, 2002 : 5.

Shinde, Sushil Kumar

Sushil Kumar Shinde, MP and Congress Working Committee member was nominated as the Opposition candidate for the post of Vice-President, on July 18, 2002. He would take on the NDA candidate, Bhairon Singh Shekhawat. Shinde is a scheduled caste leader from Maharashtra.

- Prasad, K.V. and Anita Joshua. Opposition fields Shinde. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 1.
- Shinde opposition choice for Vice-President. *Tribune*. July 19, 2002 : 1, 8.
- VP poll: Opposition expects cross voting. *Tribune*. July 21, 2002 : 13.

Shishak, Wungazan Awangshi (Justice)

Mr. Justice Wungazan Awangshi Shishak was sworn the Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court in Shimla on January 24, by Governor Dr Suraj Bhan.

Bron in 1941, Justice Shishak did graduation from the Gauwahati University and passed LLB from the Delhi University in 1965. He was sworn a judge of the Gauwahati High Court in 1989 and elevated as the Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court in December 2000.

– Shishak sworn in Himachal CJ. *Tribune*. January 25, 2002 : 3.

Shrivastava, Akhil Kumar

The President, APJ Abdul Kalam, has appointed, Shri Akhil Kumar Shrivastava as Additional Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court for a two-year term.

– Two new HC Judges. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 13.

Shrivastava, Onkar Nath

Well-known broadcaster and writer Onkar Nath Shrivastava (70) died in London on November 28, 2002. He was associated with the BBC World Service for the past three decades and had been a Deputy Head of its Hindi service section. Mr. Shrivastava hailed from Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh and had completed his education in Allahabad University.

– Global Monitor : BBC Staffer Shrivastava dead. *Tribune*. December 2, 2002 : 9.

Shrivastava, R.N.

Former District Magistrate of Faizabad R.N. Shrivastava's eight-day-long deposition before the Liberhan Commission concluded on June 8, 2002. Srivastava said on June 8, 2002 that the terms of reference of the Liberhan Commission were inadequate, as they did not include a probe into the failure of the Centre, the Intelligence Bureau (IB) and courts in protecting the disputed structure at Ayodhya.

– Probe role of Centre, IB, courts: ex-DM. *Sunday Tribune*. June 9, 2002 : 20.

Shrivastava, V.C. (Prof.)

The Director of the prestigious Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, Prof. V.C. Shrivastava says that his Institute is working with an aim to give to India an institute that bears its own culture and its own ideology. The Institute has undertaken the work of compiling all the information that is available on Indian culture, literature and society in its original. Prof. Verma says that the Institute is focusing on the study of original documents available on ancient India, medieval and modern India. He informs that the Institute has taken up a project on "Study in Indian civilization" which includes preparation of a dictionary of Indian culture.

– Sethi, Chitleen K. IIAS to break new ground : Preparing dictionary of Indian culture. *Tribune*. November 21, 2002 : 3.

Sibal, Kanwal

Kanwal Sibal, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs is to be the next Foreign Secretary. He will succeed Chokila Iyer who is due for superannuation on June 30. Mr. Sibal is a 1966 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service. He has been India's Ambassador to France and Egypt.

– Kanwal Sibal is next Foreign Secy. *Hindu.* April 27, 2002 : 1.

Mr. Sibal's peers describe him as a thorough professional. Being the elder brother of eminent jurist and Congressman Kapil Sibal, Mr. Kanwal Sibal brings with him the reputation of being "one of the more competent officers" in the Foreign Office.

Having the reputation of being a high flier, Mr. Sibal, who is serving as Secretary (West) in the MEA, will be working with a hands-on Foreign Minister in Jaswant Singh. A postgraduate in English and a Bachelor of Law, Mr. Sibal is fluent in French and knows Arabic as well. An officer of the 1966 batch of the Indian Foreign Service, he has served as India's Ambassador to France from April 1998 to March 2002 before returning to headquarters last month. A seasoned officer and prior to moving to Paris as Ambassador, Mr. Sibal headed the Indian Mission in Cairo.

Before that he was the Deputy Chief of Mission in the Indian Embassy in Washington from August 1992 to September 1995. He has also served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Nepal from July 1982 to September 1985. Mr. Sibal, Kanwal to friends and acquaintances, is married to Elizabeth and has two children – Jaimin and Priyanka. He will be Foreign Secretary for a year and five months before attaining the age of superannuation in November 2003.

– New Foreign Secretary. *Tribune.* May 2, 2002 : 7.

Kanwal Sibal, Secretary (West) in the Ministry of External Affairs takes over as the new Foreign Secretary on July 1, 2002. A 1966-batch IFS officer, Sibal served as India's Ambassador to France from 1998 before taking over early this month as Secretary (West). The 58-year old Sibal has served in Cairo, Washington, Turkey, Kathmandu, Lisbon, Tanzania and London besides holding important positions in New Delhi.

– Kanwal Sibal is new foreign secretary. *Times of India.* June 30, 2002 : 8.

Kanwal Sibal took over as the Foreign Secretary on July 1, 2002. He succeeded Ms. Chokila Iyer.

– Kanwal Sibal takes over. *Hindu.* July 2, 2002 : 1.

– Raja Mohan, C. Kanwal Sibal rules out early talks with Pak. *Hindu.* July 2, 2002 : 11.

– U.S. can't act as mediator: Sibal. Hindu. July 8, 2002 : 1.

Sidhu, Bhupinder Singh

Ex-PPSC Chief Bhupinder Singh Sidhu and predecessor of tainted PPSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu is facing vigilance probe on charges of amassing of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Bhupinder Sidhu was the Chairman of the PPSC from September 28, 1992 to

August 31, 1996. Bhupinder Sidhu started his career as a Block Development Officer from where he rose to be PCS (Executive Branch) and subsequently IAS. He was appointed to the PPSC after his superannuation from IAS.

Bhupinder Singh Sidhu reportedly owns agricultural land, residential properties, factories in different cities of Punjab besides Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, Uttarnanchal.

- Prabhjot Singh. Ex-PPSC Chief Bhupinder Sidhu also faces probe. *Tribune.* May 23, 2002 : 4.
- Vigilance probe against Sidhu. *Hindu.* May 23, 2002 : 5.
- Former PPSC Chief says it is political vendetta. *Times of India.* May 24, 2002 : 5.

An inquiry into the movable and immovable properties worth Rs.160 crore allegedly amassed by the former PPSC Chairman Bhupinder Singh during his tenure, is being conducted.

- PPSC ex-chief denies graft charges. *Tribune.* May 25, 2002 : 3.

Sidhu, Kirpal S. (Dr.)

Dr. Kirpal S. Sidhu, a toxicologist and environmental health risk assessment expert from Michigan (USA) has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Society of Toxicology (STOX), India, in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the field of toxicology and allied sciences.

- Lifetime Achievement Award for scientist. *Tribune.* December 13, 2002 : 5.

Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh

In a trap the Punjab Vigilance Bureau on March 25 in Chandigarh caught red-handed PPSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu while accepting a bribe of Rs.5 lakh at his residence in Sector 39. Mr. Sidhu, once a journalist, was appointed Chairman of the Punjab Public Service Commission by Mr. Harcharan Singh Brar when he was the Chief Minister. A product of St. Stephen's College, Delhi, at 45 he became the youngest Chairman of PPSC.

- PPSC Chief nabbed by Vigilance. *Tribune.* March 26, 2002 :1.

Vigilance Bureau achieved a major breakthrough in the high profile corruption case involving Punjab Public Service Commission Chairman, Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu, when it arrested Jagman Singh Sekhon, an accomplice of Sidhu and a key figure in this corruption scandal. Jagman Singh reportedly used to manage not only the "unaccounted funds" but also allegedly acted as a "conduit between Ravinder Sidhu and the candidates."

- Key player in Sidhu case held. *Tribune.* April 19, 2002 : 1,20.
- Sidhu used to smuggle exam papers. *Times of India.* April 19, 2002 : 1

Mrs. Surinder Kaur, another key figure in the corruption scandal was arrested on April 17 on the charge of sending Sidhu's ill-gotten money abroad through hawala transactions. She has been remanded to police custody till April 20, 2002.

- Sidhu Case: remand for hawala suspect: *Tribune.* April 19, 2002 : 6.

An amount of Rs.8.16 crores was found stashed in five bank lockers belonging to Sidhu's relatives in Chandigarh on April 19, 2002. With this recovery, the total cash and value of movable and immovable properties seized touched a whopping Rs.25 crores, with cash alone accounting for Rs.16 crores.

- Eight more crores seized in Sidhu scam. *Hindu.* April 20, 2002 : 5.
- 8.16 crore found in Sidhu's lockers. *Tribune.* April 20, 2002 :1.
- Sidhu case: role of banks under scrutiny. *Tribune.* April 20, 2002 : 3.
- Sidhu alleges torture in jail. *Tribune.* April 20, 2002 : 6.
- Cases against Sidhu's bribers likely. *Times of India.* April 20, 2002 : 1.

Investigating teams are trying to find out if the PPSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu was patronized by the then Chief Minister, Parkash Singh Badal. Though they are yet to lay their hands on any such definite clue but they are hopeful that they will have a definite answer to this as the case progresses. Chief Minister of Punjab Capt. Amarinder Singh states that corruption on such a massive scale could not have continued for this long in the PPSC without the blessings of the former Chief Minister.

- Was Badal party to Sidhu's bad ways? *Times of India.* April 21, 2002 : 7.
- Sidhu's beneficiaries likely to be questioned. *Hindu.* April 21, 2002 : 7.

Sleuths of the IT department are closing in the arrested Punjab Public Service Commission Chairman, Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu with their own investigation into the origin of a huge cash and other assets which have been recovered by the Punjab Vigilance Department.

- Tax men also on Sidhu's trail. *Tribune.* April 21, 2002 : 1.
- Ravi Sidhu case tip of the iceberg. *Tribune.* April 21, 2002 : 3.
- Treasury to keep money from Sidhu's lockers. *Tribune.* April 21, 2002 : 3.
- House allotted to Sidhu cancelled. *Tribune.* April 21, 2002 : 3.

Paramjit Singh Pammi, one of the four key accomplices of PPSC Chairman, Sidhu was arrested in Chandigarh on April 23, 2002. The state vigilance department had procured his arrest warrants in the month of March, soon after PPSC Chairman Sidhu was arrested. Paramjit Singh Pammi is the senator of prestigious Panjab University, Chandigarh.

- Sidhu's associate arrested. *Times of India.* April 24, 2002 : 1.
- Did Sidhu's money reach ultras? *Times of India.* April 24, 2002 : 5.
- Govt. yet to send report on Sidhu to Governor. *Times of India.* April 24, 2002 : 5.
- PU Senator held; names 5 who bribed Sidhu. *Tribune.* April 24, 2002 : 1.

- Editorial. Product of the system. *Tribune*. April 24, 2002 : 10.
- Pritpal questioned. *Tribune*. April 26, 2002 : 1, 18.
- Jaisingh, Hari. Crumbling pillars of governance. *Tribune*. April 26, 2002 : 10.

The Punjab Governor, Lt. Gen. JFR Jacob (Retd.) sent on April 30, 2002 a formal communication to the President of India on the misbehaviour of Mr. Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu as Chairman of the Punjab Public Service Commission and has sought his removal under Article 317 of the Constitution of India.

- Governor seeks PPSC Chief's sack. *Tribune*. May 1, 2002 : 1.

The *India Today* in its April 30-May 6, 2002 issue terms Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu as Mr. Corrupt. Commenting on Mr. Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu's *modus operandi*, the article writes – The state public service commission's Chief ran a recruitment racket that may be worth 100 crores… Sidhu had his own rate card: DSP's job for Rs.75 lakh, Panchayat officer's for Rs.30 lakh and college lecturer's for Rs.10 lakh… Cash and property worth Rs.27 crores have been recovered.

- Editorial: Corrupt and India. *India Today*. April 30-May 6, 2002 : 4.
- Vinayak, Ramesh. Job Mobster. *India Today*. April 30-May 6: 22-24.

On Friday (May 3) Mr. Justice K.S. Grewal virtually put a stop to information flow in this vital corruption case by a summary order on a petition filed by Mr. Sidhu. The Editor of the *Tribune* expresses his views on this order.

- PPSC probe: Punjab vigilance restrained from disclosure. *Times of India*. May 4, 2002 : 4.
- Jaisingh, Hari. No, My Lord. *Tribune*. May 5, 2002 : 1.

Gupta, Anupam: "Gag the press and slap the lid on an investigation that can flower only in the glare of sunlight, forcing it into a gunny bag of darkness."

- Sidhu's case: High court gags crusade against corruption. *Tribune*. May 6, 2002 : 1.

All-India Lawyers Union demanded that Mr. Justice K.S. Grewal of Punjab & Haryana High Court should review his judgment on stopping information dissemination in the case of PPSC Chairman Sidhu.

- Review judgment in Sidhu case: Lawyers. *Tribune*. May 7, 2002 : 5.
- Bhardwaj, Ajay. Vigilance seeks President's nod to prosecute Ravi Sidhu. *Times of India*. June 5, 2002 : 6.

In five and a half years, Sidhu recruited over 4000 people into government service…

- Bhardwaj, Ajay. Vigilance to probe Badal-Sidhu proximity. *Times of India*. May 17, 2002 : 1.
- Sidhu bail plea quashed. *Sunday Times of India*. May 26, 2002 : 3.

- Langah, Sidhu file bail application. *Tribune*. May 28, 2002 : 4.
- 3,446 selected by Sidhu to go. *Tribune*. May 28, 2002 : 41.
- PPSC Chief's remand extended. *Tribune*. June 1, 2002 : 5.

Governor of Punjab, Lt. Gen. J.F.R. Jacob (Retd.) in exercise of his powers under Clause 2 of Article 317 of the Constitution, suspended PPSC Chairman Sidhu on June 5, 2002.

- Jacob finally suspends Sidhu. *Times of India*. June 6, 2002 : 1.
- Ravi Sidhu suspended. *Tribune*. June 6, 2002 : 1.
- Prabhjot Singh. Is Ravi Sidhu entitled to 'B' class? *Tribune*. June 6, 2002 : 3.
- Challan against Sidhu in arms case. *Tribune*. June 9, 2002 : 1.
- Sidhu's relatives proclaimed offenders from July 6: Court. *Times of India*. June 9, 2002 : 5.
- Order to produce Sidhu before Special Judge. *Tribune*. June 21, 2002 : 7.
- Vigilance seeks Sidhu's production warrant. *Tribune*. June 21, 2002 : 7.
- Court nod for Sidhu's retention in jail. *Times of India*. June 22, 2002 : 5.
- Ravi Sidhu formally re-arrested. *Tribune*. June 23, 2002 : 4.
- Notice to govt. in bail case. *Tribune*. June 23, 2002 : 4.
- Ravi Sidhu granted bail. *Tribune*. June 27, 2002 : 1.
- A jolt to transparency; Punjab Govt. shifts top Intelligence officers. *Tribune*. June 28, 2002 : 1.
- Sidhu aide released on bail. *Tribune*. June 28, 2002 : 5.
- Intelligence loses turf war. *Times of India*. June 28, 2002 : 1.
- Jaisingh, Hari. It is a clear case of operation cover-up. *Tribune*. June 29, 2002 : 1.

On the basis of the statement of Karam Singh – an employee in the accounts section of the PPSC, Vigilance Bureau on June 27, 2002 told the court that Sidhu had embezzled Rs.11.60 lakh from a secret fund of the PPSC during September 9, 1996 to 2000 without giving any details.

- Sidhu–embezzled secret funds: VB. *Times of India*. June 28, 2002 : 4.
- Sidhu's police remand extended. *Tribune*. July 2, 2002 : 3.
- Sidhu's revision plea adjourned. *Tribune*. July 3, 2002 : 4.
- Sidhu gets judicial remand. *Times of India*. July 5, 2002 : 5.
- Charge sheet against Sidhu soon. *Tribune*. July 10, 2002 : 1.
- Sidhu's kin-furnish fresh bail bonds. *Tribune*. July 12, 2002 : 3.
- Notice to Badal in Sidhu case. *Tribune*. July 12, 2002 : 4.

- Charge sheet filed against Sidhu: Vigilance submits 45 tempered answer sheets. *Tribune.* July 13, 3003: 3.
- Police remand for 2 'touts' of Sidhu. *Tribune.* July 14, 2002 : 3.
- Challan presented against Sidhu. *Tribune.* July 14, 2002 : 4.
- Second charge sheet against Sidhu. *Times of India.* July 14, 2002 : 1.
- Court seeks records in Sidhu case. *Hindu.* July 23, 2002 : 5.
- Sidhu case: Punjab issued notice. *Tribune.* July 27, 2002 : 5.

The suspended Punjab PSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu before the Supreme Court on August 12 in New Delhi offered to resign from the post on his own to save the dignity of the constitutional post. "He would hand over his resignation to Punjab Governor J.F.R. Jacob on August 12 and subsequently an affidavit in this regard will be filed before the apex Court," said Mr. K.T.S. Tulsi, Council for Sidhu. Sidhu's normal term as Punjab PSC Chairman ends on Sept. 15.

- Sidhu offers to resign, file affidavit, says Supreme Court. *Tribune.* August 12, 2002 : 1.
- Sidhu wants to quit : Counsel. *Times of India.* August 13, 2002 : 7.

The Punjab Government has rejected the offer of resignation of suspended PPSC Chairman R.P.S. Sidhu. State Government reportedly wants that Sidhu should be removed from office by ordering his dismissal, so that he would not be entitled to hold any government assignment in future and also to any benefit accruing after his resignation from the office of Chairman of the PPSC.

- Dhaliwal, Sarbjit. Sidhu's resignation rejected. *Tribune.* August 17, 2002 : 1.
- Sidhu's application on jurisdiction dismissed. *Tribune.* September 29, 2002 : 5.

Supreme Court on September 30, 2002 dismissed a petition filed by Mr. R.P.S. Sidhu seeking quashing of the second FIR lodged against him regarding alleged amassing of disproportionate wealth.

- SC dismisses Sidhu's plea. *Tribune.* October 1, 2002 : 16.
- SC dismisses Ravi Sidhu's petition. *Times of India.* October 1, 2002 : 1.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on November 29, 2002 dismissed the bail plea of former PPSC Chairman, Ravi Sidhu. Sidhu was arrested in March 2002 in connection with the alleged cash-for-job scam.

- HC dismisses Sidhu's bail plea. *Hindu.* November 30, 2002 : 11.

Singal, Ajay

The Union Territory Judicial Magistrate (First Class)–cum–Civil Judge (Junior Division), Ajay Singal was suspended by the Punjab and Haryana High Court on August 23, 2002. Judicial work was also reportedly withdrawn from Mr. Singal with immediate effect.

- UT Judge Singal suspended. *Tribune.* August 24, 2002 : 1.

Singh, Ajay Kumar

Ajay Kumar Singh Munna has been appointed the UPCC president on July 3, 2002. The position of the UPCC president fell vacant following the resignation of the incumbent Sri Prakash Jaiswal. He has been two-time minister. Singh was the president of the Allahabad University Students' Union, the Deputy leader of the House in the UP Assembly in 1977, President of the UP Youth Congress in the mid-1970s and the General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress.

– Munna named UPCC Chief. *Hindu.* July 5, 2002 : 3.

– Munna threatens street protests against BSP-BJP. *Hindu.* July 9, 2002 : 5.

– UPCC Chief vows to end infighting. *Tribune.* July 10, 2002 : 8.

Singh, Ashok Kumar

The Bihar Vigilance Department has registered a case against Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, Jharkhand Commercial Taxes Commissioner and Senior IAS Officer and others for alleged corruption in the State Finance Corporation when he was Managing Director. Patna High Court had asked the Vigilance Department to inquire into the allegation of corrupt practices against Mr. Singh. Singh is charged with accepting illegal gratification from various entrepreneurs who availed financial assistance from the Bihar State Finance Corporation (BSFC).

– Case of fraud against IAS officer, 12 others. *Hindu.* August 24, 2002 : 9.

– IAS Officer booked. *Tribune.* August 24, 2002 : 8.

Singh, B.P. (Dr.)

Jalandhar-based renowned cosmetic surgeon Dr. B.P. Singh was conferred the Rashtriya Chikitsak Ratna Award (National Gem of Physician's Award) during a seminar on 'Individual Contribution towards Economic Development' held in Delhi. Mr. Anand Mohan MP presented the award to Dr. Singh and lauded his contribution in raising the image of India abroad by means of his novel and innovative work in the field of cosmetic surgery. The seminar was organized by Nations Economic Development and Growth Society.

– Regional Potpourri : 'Rashtriya Chikitsak Ratna Award'. *Tribune.* June 20, 2002 : 6.

Singh, Brahmeshwar

Mr. Brahmeshwar Singh, head of the dreaded Ranvir Sena, the outlawed private militia of landlords in Bihar, was arrested from a hotel in Patna on August 29, 2002 by a three-member special taskforce. He is alleged to have masterminded the massacre of over 500 people, mostly Dalits.

– Ranvir Sena Chief held. *Tribune.* August 30, 2002 : 8.

– Editorial : Brahmeshwar Singh's arrest. *Hindu.* August 31, 2002 : 10.

– 23 cases against Ranvir Sena Chief. *Hindu.* September 3, 2002 : 5.

– Singh, Bhanu Pratap. Ranvir Sena Chief a queer mix. *Times of India.* September 5, 2002 : 8.

Singh, D.P. (Prof.)

Prof. D.P. Singh has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru Agricultural Unviersity, Jabalpur. Mr. Singh has been serving as Professor of Agronomy at Haryana Agriculture University at Hissar. He shall hold the office for a period of five years from the date of his joining.

– New Vice-Chancellor. *Hindu.* July 6, 2002 : 5.

Singh, Indu Prakash (Dr.)

Indian Ambassador to Nepal, Dr. Indu Prakash Singh (71) died of cancer in London on August 17. A career diplomat Dr. Indu Prakash was an IFS officer of 1955 batch. He was appointed to the post in December 2001. Prior to this appointment he was Professor at Allahabad University.

– Spotlight : Envoy to Nepal dead. *Tribune.* August 18, 2002 : 1.

Singh, Jija Madhavan

Ms. Jija Madhavan Singh is one of the country's senior woman police officers from Karnataka who has risen to the level of Additional Director-General of Police. She is posted as Chief Vigilance Officer and Advisor (Security) with the Airports Authority of India. The President APJ Abdul Kalam on September 11, 2002 presented the prestigious Police Medal for Distinguished Service to her in New Delhi.

– President's honour for AAI's first woman police officer. *Hindu.* September 14, 2002 : 13.

Singh, J.J. (Lt Gen.)

Lieut-Gen Joginder Jaswant Singh, AVSM, VSM, takes over as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Army Training Command in Shimla on New Year's day on promotion after having been GOC of the elite 1 Corps in Mathura. An officer of the NDA's 25th Course, he was commissioned from the IMA in August, 1964, into 9 Maratha LI raised in Belgaum in October the same year. He received the colours for the 9 Maratha from the then President Zakir Hussain in 1968.

Hailing from a martial family, "JJ" or "Jogi" as he is fondly called, he has seen active service in Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Joshimath and Jammu and Kashmir while serving with 9 and 7 Maratha LI. He was awarded the VSM for a major counter-insurgency operation in Arunachal Pradesh. Later, he commanded 5 Maratha LI at Hyderabad as a Colonel. A consistent front-runner, JJ is the youngest and one of the first few in his batch to do the Staff College senior and higher commands and National Defence College course.

JJ served as India's first Defence Attache in Alegria during 1987-90. On his return from Algeria, he successfully commanded a mountain brigade in the Baramula sector during the counter-insurgency operations in 1991-92. Wounded in action in a fierce engagement with terrorists, he was awarded the COAS Commendation and nominated for the prestigious NDC course in 1994. He commanded 9 Infantry Division with distinction during 1996-98 and was transferred to Army Headquarters as ADGMO where he served an eventful period lasting 34 months. While serving as ADGMO (A) he was decorated with AVSM in the execution of the Kargil war. On promotion he assumed the command of 1 Corps in Mathura on January 26, 2001. He successfully conducted Corps-level exercise "Poorna Vijay" during May, 2001, In October the same year the regiment by an overwhelming verdict elected him as Colonel of the Maratha LI. He took over the reigns of the regiment from Lieut-Gen Vijay Oberoi, PVSM, AVSM, VSM and ADC on his retirement.

Born in Bahawalpur, now in Pakistan, JJ's family migrated to Patiala following the traumatic Partition in 1947. A third generation solider, his grandfather served in 1/67 Punjab Regiment during World War I in Mesopotamia and Kut-al-Amara along with 103rd, 105th, 110th, 114th and 117th Mahrattas. His father Lieut-Col J S Marwah (retd.) was in the EME from 1943 to 1973.

– New GOC-in-C, Army Training Command, Shimla. *Tribune*. Dec. 26, 2002 : 8.

Singh, J.W.

Former Judge Mr. J.W. Singh was acquitted in a case of alleged extortion and links with the underworld by a special Mumbai court on August 6, 2002. Singh was booked on March 20, 2000 under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA) and the IPC.

– Ex-Judge acquitted.

Singh, Krishen Murari

Agriculturist Shri Krishnen Murari Singh has been given Dr. Rajendra Prasad Award (1999-2000) for his book "Varsha Ashrit Tikau Kheti" in New Delhi on July 16, 2002. He was also conferred with an honorary doctorate for his contribution in the field of agricultural techniques. The Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) has instituted the award.

– Agriculturist gets Rajendra Prasad award. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 4.

Singh, M.D.

Additional Director-General of Police (Crime and Technical) of Karnataka, Mr. M.D. Singh was appointed as Police Commissioner of Bangalore on October 19, 2002. An IPS Officer of 1968 batch, Mr. Singh will take charge on October 21, 2002 from the outgoing Commissioner of Police Mr. H.T. Sangliana.

– M.D. Singh to take over from Sangliana. *Hindu*. October 20, 2002 : 6.

Singh, Mata Prasad

Veteran Freedom fighter, Mata Prasad Singh (88) passed away in Faizabad on July 17, 2002 following cardiac arrest. He has participated in Quit India Movement in 1942 and was jailed along with former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri and P.D. Tandon.

– Freedom fighter dead. *Hindu*. July 19, 2002 : 3.

Singh, Natasha

Senior Congress leader Mr. K. Natwar Singh's estranged daughter-in-law, Natasha Singh was found dead at a five-star hotel in Delhi on March 17. Her body was found in the first floor balcony of Hyatt Hotel in South Delhi.

- Natwar's bahu found dead : Cops suspect murder, autopsy finds no bullet, stab wounds. *Tribune*. March 18, 2002 : 1, 20.
- Natasha cremated amid touching scenes. *Hindu.* March 21, 2002 : 3.
- Natasha's death a rude shock to Delhi's glitterati. *Tribune.* March 24, 2002 : 13.
- Chakravarty, Sayantan and others. Natasha Singh's mysterious death. *India Today*. March 26-April 1, 2002 : 54, 64.

The Delhi Crime Branch had filed the closure report in July urging the Court of Metropolitan Magistrate to close the case. "Deceased Natasha Singh consumed alcohol and Alprax tablets and thereafter committed suicide by jumping from the 7th floor of the Hotal Hyatt Regency", the closure report said.

- Natasha case ends on suicide theory. *Hindu*. September 22, 2002 : 3.

Singh, Neelam

At the Busan Asaid Neelam Singh clinched the women's discus gold with a throw of 64. 55 metres breaking Chinese Hou Xuemei's record of 63·56 set in 1990 in Beijing. Neelam was a bronze medallist at the 1998 Bangkok Asiad and a Silver medallist at the last Commonwealth Games.

- Indian Women trigger gold rush. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 21.
- Indian athletes set the track ablaza. *Tribune*. October 11, 2002 : 18.

Singh, Parminder Mandip

Parminder Mandip Singh, became the first woman Chairperson of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on November 1, 2002. She is an IAS officer of 1972 batch.

- Briefly : NDMC Chief takes oath. *Hindu*. November 3, 2002 : 4.
- New priorities for the new NDMC Chief. *Hindu*. November 7, 2002 : 4.

Singh, Raghuraj Pratap alias Raja Bhaiya

Independent UP legislator and leader of the independent legislators group which had recently withdrawn support from the Mayawati government, Mr. Raghuraj Pratap Singh, was arrested on November 3, 2002 on the charges of criminal intimidation. Another independent legislator Mr. Dhananjay Singh was also arrested by the UP Police. Police say that the arrests were made following an FIR lodged by BJP Legislator Puran Singh Bundela, against the legislators.

– Two UP rebel MLAs arrested. *Tribune*. November 4, 2002 : 1, 12.

Singh, Rajnath

Former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Rajnath Singh has been appointed as the BJP Party incharge of U.P. and Uttaranchal on May 2. He replaces former Party President Kushabhau Thakre who was shifted on May 1 to the region east and northeastern states.

– Rajnath incharge of UP affairs. *Tribune*. May 3, 2002 : 8.

BJP general-secretary and former Chief Minister of UP, Mr. Rajnath Singh filed his nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha elections in Lucknow on November 8, 2002.

– Arms dealer upsets BJP's calculations. *Hindu*. November 9, 2002 : 11.

The former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mr. Rajnath Singh was injured in a road accident on the Prantij-Himmatnagar highway in North Gujarat on December 1, 2002. His car collided with a luxury bus coming from Rajasthan. The driver of Rajnath Singh's car was killed.

– Rajnath injured in road accident. *Hindu*. December 2, 2002 : 1.

Singh, Ritu

Ritu Singh, daughter of Senior Congress leader Natwar Singh allegedly committed suicide on May 9, 2002. She was unmarried and was a fashion designer.

– Natwar Singh's daughter dead. *Hindu*. May 10, 2002 : 1.

– Ritu Singh cremated. *Hindu*. May 11, 2002 : 3.

– Tragedy haunts Natwar family. *Hindu*. May 11, 2002 : 3.

Singh, S.V.

Chief Director (Vigilance) S.V. Singh who was connected with the case of PPSC Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu was shifted as DGP, Home Guards and Civil Defence.

– Sidhu case – S.V. Singh shifted. *Times of India*. April 12, 2002 : 1.

Singh, Virbhadra

Former Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Mr. Virbhadra Singh was granted bail in the Khair wood allotment case by a Special Judge in Shimla on December 3, 2002.

– Virbhadra gets bail in Khair wood case. *Tribune*. December 4, 2002 : 1.

Singhal, Ashok

Mr. Ashok Singhal, International Working President of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad's possible prosecution was demanded by the Amnesty International on October 18, 2002 for his "repeated inflammatory statements" about violence against Muslims in Gujarat.

– Prosecute Singhal says Amnesty. *Tribune*. October 19, 2002 : 9.

– Amnesty for action against Singhal. *Times of India*. October 19, 2002 : 10.

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader, Mr. Ashok Singhal describes, the *Hindu, Times of India* and *Indian Express* as "traitors who are doing great disservice to the nation".

– Singhal calls three English papers 'traitors'. *Hindu*. December 6, 2002 : 13.

Singhal, B.P.

The BJP has decided to question its Rajya Sabha member about the context in which he had asked for the resignation of Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee in an interview with TV channel.

– B.P. Singhal may face action. Demand for PM's resignation. *Tribune*. March 12, 2002 : 8.

Singhania, Dinesh

Mr. Dinesh Singhania, former president of the Calcutta Stock Exchange and one of the main accused in the 150 crore payment scam at the bourse, is wanted by the Economic Offence wing (Crime branch CID) of Mumbai police in connection with an alleged cheating case involving Rs. 32 crore. Singhania has allegedly gone underground.

– Singhania wanted in cheating case. *Tribune*. October 8, 2002 : 13.

Singhi, N.K. (Prof.)

Eminent sociologist and former Head of the Department of Sociology in the Rajasthan University, N.K. Singhi (66) died in Jaipur following a prolonged illness on July 5, 2002. Prof. Singhi was the Head of Sociology Department for 21 years from 1975 to 1996. He was also a Visiting Professor in several universities across the World including the Cambridge University.

– Noted sociologist passes away. *Hindu*. July 7, 2002 : 7.

Singla, Brij Mohan

Former Haryana Minister, Mr. Brij Mohan Singla is facing corruption charges. A case has been registered against him and he is evading law. His anticipatory bail has already been dismissed as the Haryana State Vigilance Bureau obtained non-bailable warrants against him. The case against Mr. Singla was registered following a vigilance enquiry that he had allegedly misused his official position and embezzled nearly Rs. 60 lakh, which was to be distributed to 80–84 persons who had deposited the amount with him.

– NBW against former Haryana Minister. *Hindu*. September 14, 2002 : 5.

Sinha, Nishi Kant

Mr. Nishi Kant Sinha, a Bihar cadre IAS Officer of the 1966 batch was on September 19, 2002 appointed as Secretary, Planning Commission. Earlier he was Coal Secretary.

– New Planning Commission Secretary. *Tribune*. September 20, 2002 : 8.

Sinha, S.K. (Lt. Gen. Retd.)

Lt. Gen. S.K. Sinha (retd.) has been reappointed as the Governor of Assam after the expiry of his term on August 31, 2002.

– Spotlight : Sinha reappointed. *Tribune*. August 30, 2002 : 1.

Lieut. Gen. (retd.) S.K. Sinha was sworn in as Governor of Assam for a second term on September 1. Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, P.P. Naolekar administered the oath of office and secrecy at the Raj Bhavan in Guwahati.

– Sinha sworn in for second term. *Tribune*. September 2, 2002 : 8.

Sinha, Shatrughan

Film star and BJP Rajya Sabha member, Mr. Shatrughan Sinha, cut short his US visit and returned to India on February 11, 2002 to campaign for his party facing Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh.

– Shatrughan returns to campaign for BJP. *Hindu*. February 13, 2002 : 11.

Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Shatrughan Sinha's interview with Kalpana Jain, brings out the enormous challenges of his new role as a central minister, and how he intends to revive deteriorating public health systems to serve people who can then help bring about an overall development.

– Q and A : Shotgun's New Role. *Times of India*. July 19, 2002 : 12.

Union Health Minister, Mr. Shatrughan Sinha favours a ban on tobacco. On November 8, 2002 he expressed his intention to move a bill in the Parliament for banning the use of tobacco. Mr. Sinha is reportedly himself a chain smoker.

– In brief : Shatrughan for ban on tobacco. *Tribune*. November 10, 2002 : 10.

Sinha, Yashwant

Union Finance Minister Yashwant Sinha finds himself in the midst of a controversy over his alleged links with the Flex Industries chairman, Ashok Chaturvedi. Chaturvedi is under arrest by the CBI for allegedly bribing the Excise Commissioner, Someshwar Mishra. Yashwant Sinha reportedly purchased some election publicity material from Flex Industries, which was dispatched through the Railways for Sinha's election campaign. The material was allegedly booked by Mr. Chaturvedi. Launching a scathing attack on Sinha both inside the Parliament and outside, Congress demanded his resignation. Transfer of M.S. Bali of CBI and easing out of Kailash Sethi, an official of Excise intelligence, both of them being linked with the investigation into the case provided ammunition to the Opposition attack on Mr. Sinha.

- Congress demands Sinha's resignation. *Hindu.* May 14, 2002 : 1.
- PM 'satisfied', Sinha clarifies. *Hindu.* May 15, 2002 : 1.
- No conflict of interest in Flex case, says Sinha. *Times of India.* May 16, 2002 : 1.

Sitara Devi

The renowned danseuse Sitara Devi refused to accept Padma Bhushan Award bestowed on her on January 27. She said, "It is my insult and not an honour." She further added, "I will not accept any award less than Bharat Ratna." "Little known people, who are younger to me, have received Padma Vibhushan and I am being awarded Padma Bhushan ... is this the way to treat a leading artiste.

The dancer who took to Kathak at the age of seven under the tutelage of her illustrious father, Sukhdev Maharaj, was described as Kathak queen by Guru Ravindra Nath Tagore at the age of 16.

- Sitara Devi turns down Padma Bhushan. *Tribune.* January 28, 2002 : 20.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile : Padma Bhushan, an affront to Sitara Devi. *Tribune.* February 3, 2002 : 11.
- Artists share Sitara Devi's anguish. *Tribune.* February 4, 2002 : 8.

Sivarama Dikshidar, P.V.

Eminent Sanskrit scholar, Shri P.V. Sivarama Dikshidar, former Principal of the Madras Sanskrit College, passed away in New Delhi on July 18, 2002. He was 80. He had won the President's Award for outstanding contribution for promoting Sanskrit in 1988. He chaired various educational institutions like the Sanskrit Educational Society, the Nyaya Vidyalaya – Kancheepuram and the Shri Venkateswara Engineering College, Nezarat-pettai.

- Sanskrit scholar dead. *Hindu.* July 26, 2002 : 13.

Soch, Harbhajan Singh (Dr.)

The Punjab Vigilance Bureau has started investigations against the former Vice-Chancellor of Guru Nanak Dev University. He is charged with making appointments of lecturers in GND University violating rules and regulations.

- Soch, IAS officer face Vigilance probe. *Sunday Tribune.* July 14, 2002 : 3.
- VB probe against former GNDU VC, others. *Sunday Times of India.* July 14, 2002 : 3.

Somany, R.K.

New President of Assocham, Mr. R.K. Somany says that India should be promoted as a sourcing base to foreign firms primarily in the area of manufacturing. He says that most of India's problems are due to internal factors rather than external factors. He advocates foreign investment cap in insurance relaxed gradually 26 percent to 49 percent, as also for a uniform excise regime. He views 'sales tax inspectors' as big hurdle in the implementation of VAT. He also advocates the principles of good governance and transparency in corporate practices.

- Make India a sourcing base, says Somany. *Times of India*. September 30, 2002 : 14.
- Assocham chief sees turnaround in economy. *Hindu*. September 30, 2002 : 13.
- In the News : Man behind the growth of sanitary industry. *Tribune*. October 3, 2002 : 8.

Sondhi, M.L.

Ex-ICSSR Chairman, M.L. Sondhi, whose writ petition seeking his reinstatement was dismissed on January 31, 2002, has challenged the judgement of a Single-judge Bench of the Delhi High Court before a Division Bench, comprising S.B. Sinha and A.K. Sikri.

- Ex-ICSSR Chief challenges HC order. *Hindu*. March 22, 2002 : 12.

Sood, Kuldeep Chand

Mr. Kuldeep Chand Sood was sworn in as Additional Judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court, Shimla on February 8, 2002. Justice Kamlesh Sharma, a senior judge of the High Court administered the oath.

- Additional Judge sworn in. *Tribune*. February 9, 2002 : 7.

Sorabjee, Soli J. (Attorney-General)

Attorney-General Soli Sorabjee was honoured with Padma Vibhushan on March 23, 2002 in New Delhi.

- *Tribune*. March 23, 2002 : 10.

Attorney General Soli J. Sorabjee has been re-elected as a member of the United Nations Sub-commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights. The election was held on April 24, 2002. The Sub-commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights is the main body of UN Commission on Human Rights. Sorabjee was also elected as a member of this sub commission in April 1998.

- Sorabjee on UN panel. *Tribune*. April 26, 2002 : 8.

Soren, Shibu

Mr. Shibhu Soren (Jharkhand Mukti Morcha–S) has been disqualified as a member of the Rajya Sabha from Bihar following a judgement of the Supreme Court setting aside his election.

The Legislative Department in the Law Ministry issued a notification in this regard on December 27 following the advice of the Attorney-General and the request of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat in pursuance of the judgement of the apex court in the appeal by Shibhu Soren against Dayanand Sahay and others on July 19 last year.

- Shibhu Soren disqualified as RS member. *Tribune*. January 25, 2002 : 8.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha President Shibu Soren has won Dumka Lok Sabha seat thereby establishing himself as an unparalleled leader of Adivasis in the State of Jharkhand. Election to the Dumka Lok Sabha constituency was viewed as the first major show down between Soren and the Chief Minister Babu Lal Marandi. By registering a convincing victory, JMM leader Shibu Soren has effectively silenced skeptics who had almost written him off.

- Balchand, K. Soren proves his mettle. *Hindu*. June 4, 2002 : 13.
- Das, Sonali. A lesson for Marandi. *Times of India*. June 5, 2002 : 15

Sorot, G.S.

The Haryana Government has appointed G.S. Sorot, IAS, Joint Secretary, Finance as Member Secretary of the Second Finance Commission.

- New posting. *Hindu*. September 20, 2002 : 5.

Soz, Saifuddin

Saifuddin Soz, former Union Minister, joined Congress on August 8, reportedly at the invitation of party president, Sonia Gandhi.

- Soz joins Cong. *Tribune*. August 9, 2002 : 8.

Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty

Gayatri Chakaravorty, a professor of humanities at the Columbia University's English Department has become a celebrity in academia. Her resume of publications, lectures and awards has now reached 41 pages. She is one of the first translators of Jacques Dessida into English and one of the most famous practitioners of post-colonial studies devoted to the culture of people of the former colonies. Spivak is in demand around the world for talks and lectures causing a stir wherever she goes.

- Indian scholar makes waves at Columbia. *Times of India*. February 12, 2002 : 10.

Sreenivas Reddy, S.

Probash Middya of West Bengal is one of the two Indian jewellery designers that were among the winners of the prestigious international jewellery design award "gold Virtuosi 2" held in Italy. The other Indian is S. Sreenivas Reddy from Bangalore. Mr. Middya's award-winning design is inspired by the movement of sheaves of wheat swaying gently in a field while Reddy recreated the organic patterns of pebbles and shells in his design.

- Indians win prestigious jewellery design awards. *Hindu*. June 14, 2002 : 3.

Sri Sathya Sai Baba

A youth, Somasundara was nabbed with an air pistol in Sri Sathya Sai Baba's Whitefield Ashram. According to reports in the media, Somasundara, in a bid to get a personal interview with Baba which is very difficult had planned to hold one of the Ashram Security Staff hostage at gun point. His plan was foiled before it could be executed.

Sai Baba, on January 19, 2002 denied any attempt on his life and accused the media of making a 'mountain out of a molehill'.

- In brief : Sai Baba denies bid on life. *Tribune*. January 20, 2002 : 8.
- Sai Baba's ashram is now a fortress of security. *Times of India*. January 21, 2002 : 9.

Sridhar, N.V.

Director of the Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi, N.V. Sridhar, was relieved on June 28, 2002 and was appointed Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd.

- IGI airport director retired. *Hindu.* June 29, 2002 : 4.

Srinath, Javagal

India's bowling spearhead J. Srinath announced on June 1, 2002 his retirement from Test Cricket. Fifth and final Test against the West Indies in Jamaica in May 2002 was his last appearance in the Test Cricket. 32-year-old pace man, Srinath has taken 232 wickets in 64 Tests.

- Srinath bids farewell to Tests. *Sunday Times of India.* June 2, 2002 : 17.
- Srinath quits test cricket. *Hindu.* June 2, 2002 : 1,20.
- Srivatsa, V. Srinath's decision defies conventional wisdom. *Times of India.* June 5, 2002 : 21.
- Ganguly confident Srinath will return for Test Cricket. *Times of India*. June 6, 2002 : 19.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), on September 27, 2002 decided to rush Mr. Javagal Srinath to Colombo to replace injured Ashish Nehra for the Champions Trophy final on September 29, 2002.

- Srinath to replace Nehra. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 17.
- Vijayakar, Pradeep. Srinath to fly in for Nehra. *Times of India*. September 28, 2002 : 19.

Stalin, M.K.

Chennai Mayor and DMK Youth Wing leader M.K. Stalin, MLA, has bowed out of office as Mayor of the Corporation of Chennai with effect from midnight on June 18, 2002 with Tamil Nadu Municipalities (Amendment) Act coming into force. The Act prohibits MPs and MLAs from holding any elected office in municipal corporations and municipalities.

- Subramani, A. HC won't stay one-man, one-post law. *Hindu*. June 19, 2002 : 6.
- Stalin bows out of Mayorship. *Tribune.* June 20, 2002 : 8.
- Venkatesan, J. SC defers hearing on petition against unseating of Stalin. *Hindu.* July 2, 2002 : 13.

– Subramani, Y.A. No provision for acting Mayor: Madras HC. *Hindu.* July 5, 2002 : 6.

– Subramani. A. Dy. Mayor can never become Mayor: Madras HC. *Hindu.* July 11, 2002 : 6.

The Chennai Mayor, M.K. Stalin, was on September 6, 2002, stripped of his post by the Madras High Court because of a quo warrants petition filed in the year 2001, stating that under the Madras City Municipal Corporation Act, he was not eligible to contest for a second consecutive term as Mayor.

– Subramani, A. Stalin loses Mayorship on quo warrants plea. *Hindu.* September 7, 20002 : 7.

Stokes, Vidya

Ms Vidya Stokes, Himachal Pradesh Congress Committee Chief was nominated as an associate member of the Delimitation Commission of India by the State Speaker on August 5 at Shimla. Justice Kuldip Singh (Retd.) is the Chairman of this Commission.

– Stoke nominated on delimitation panel. *Tribune.* August 6, 2002 : 6.

Subba Rao, P.V.

Senior journalist P.V. Subba Rao died on May 24, at Nellore (A.P.) after a prolonged illness. He was 90. He had worked as reporter with the *Times of India*, the *Madras Mail* and the *Deccan Chronicle* for several years.

– Veteran Journalist Subba Rao dead. *Tribune.* May 25, 2002 : 8.

Senior journalist, P.V. Subba Rao (90) passed away at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh on May 24, 2002, following a prolonged illness. He had worked as reporter with the *Times of India*, the *Madras Mail* and the *Deccan Chronicle* for several years. He has also served as the Secretary of the Nellore Railway Users Association and was instrumental in erecting Mahatma Gandhi's statue in the heart of Nellore town.

Subbu, B.V.R.

B.V.R. Subbu takes over as the President of the Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) replacing A.P. Gandhi on April 2, 2002. Mr. Subbu was Director (Marketing & Sales). Before joining HMIL, Subbu served at important positions at TELCO.

– B.V.R. Subbu new president of Hyundai. *Hindu.* March 2, 2002 : 16.

Subha Rao, D.V.

D.V. Subha Rao was re-elected Chairman of the Bar Council of India on April 20 in New Delhi, defeating R.C. Jha by three votes. Subha Rao is from Vishkhapatnam and has been its Mayor. BCI is an apex statutory body of lawyers, which regulates discipline among advocates.

– Re-elected. *Hindu.* April 21, 2002 : 9.

Sujela, Haji Bilal Ismail

The prime accused in the Godhra carnage, which led to the statewide communal clashes in Gujarat, Haji Bilal was arrested after a long-drawn manhunt. He was booked under the controversial Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance (POTO) and remanded to police custody. According to the newspaper reports Billal's main offence in Godhara case is of having stopped fire fighters from reaching the scene of the crime, which could have saved a few lives.

– Prime accused in Godhra case held. *Times of India*. March 18, 2002 : 1.

Sukavanesvar

Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Sukavanesvar was transferred on December 2, 2002 by the Jayalalithaa regime in a sudden bureaucratic reshuffle. Mr. Sukavanesvar viewed by media as an action-oriented officer was appointed only on June 10, 2002. He has been appointed as Chairman, Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation. According to newspaper reports Mr. Sukavanesvar was quite uncomfortable in the high profile post of Chief Secretary owing to his discomfiture with the prevailing set-up of the Government.

– Venkatesan, Radha. Sukavanesvar shunted out in TN shuffle. *Hindu*. December 3, 2002 : 6.

Sukh Ram

A designated CBI court on June 1, 2002 framed charges against former Minister of State for Communication, Sukh Ram for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs.3 lakhs from the Chairman of the Haryana Telecom Division, Devender Singh Chaudhary, for allotting LCKM (Lac Conductor Kilometers) of additional PIJS cables. He has been charged under 120-B of the IPC and 7, 12, 13 (1) (d), 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act for conspiracy, illegal gratification, accepting bribe and abuse of official position.

– Charges framed against Sukh Ram. *Tribune*. June 2, 2002 : 10.

Mr. Sukh Ram, Former Union Communication Minister and President of the Himachal Vikas Congress, was sentenced to three-years' rigorous imprisonment by a Delhi Court on July 5, 2002, in the Rs. 1.68 crore telecom equipment scam. The special judge has slapped a fine of Rs.2 lakh on the accused. Sukh Ram has been found guilty for being part of a criminal conspiracy to defraud the exchequer by awarding the contract to M/s. ARM of Hyderabad which had supplied inferior equipment at a higher rate. The special judge also convicted Sukh Ram for a substantive offence under Section 13(2) (d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act. The court has also convicted former Deputy-Director General in the Department of Telecom, Runu Ghosh and Managing Director of the private firm Advanced Radio Masts, P. Rama Rao under the Prevention of Corruption Act. While Runu Ghosh was sentenced to two years' imprisonment with a fine of Rs. 50,000 for her offence to be part of the criminal conspiracy, Rama Rao was sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs.2 lakh.

Runu Ghosh, a telecom department official convicted along with former Communications Minister Sukh Ram in a corruption case by a Delhi Court challenging the special judge's order in the Delhi High Court.

- Sukh Ram gets 3-yrs. RI. *Tribune*. July 6, 2002 : 1-20.
- Quits as House panel Chief. *Tribune*. July 6, 2002 : 1.
- Mixed reaction in Himachal. *Tribune*. July 6, 2002 : 1,20.
- Runu Ghosh files appeal in HC. *Tribune*. July 10, 2002 : 20.
- HC notice to CBI on Ghosh plea. *Hindu*. July 12, 2002 : 3.

Commenting on Mr. Sukh Ram's indictment by a Delhi court an editorial in the *Tribune*, "Sukh Ram's Conviction" comments: "Mr. Sukh Ram's conviction in the multi-crore telecom scam is just an important first step in the rather slow process of justice in India. The case in which Mr. Sukh Ram as Union Minister of State for Communications had allegedly amassed wealth by abusing his position dates back to the period when Mr. P.V. Narsimha Rao was the Prime Minister. ".... The fault with the judicial process is that it is slow. The fault with the political "process" is that it condemns corruption from public forums but willingly rewards corrupt politicians."

- Editorial: Sukh Ram's conviction. *Tribune*. July 6, 2002 : 10.
- Prison for Sukh Ram, Runu. *Times of India*. July 6, 2002 : 1.
- Bhatt, Jagdish. Sukh Ram may part ways with BJP today. *Times of India*. July 6, 2002 : 1.
- BJP, Cong. distance themselves from Sukh Ram. *Hindu*. July 6, 2002 : 11.
- It's a conspiracy: Sukh Ram. *Hindu*. July 7, 2002 : 8.
- Sukh Ram shines at rally to keep BJP pact. *Sunday Times of India*. July 7, 2002 : 1.
- Special court was by the CBI, for the CBI. *Sunday Times of India*. July 7, 2002 : 3.
- Sukh Ram's son new HVC President. *Tribune*. July 7, 2002 : 1,8.
- Bhatt, Jagdish. Will Sukh Ram be able to do a Jaya? *Times of India*. July 8, 2002 : 3.
- Editorial: The Sukh Ram case. *Hindu*. July 8, 2002 : 10.

Sukh Ram filed an appeal before Delhi High Court challenging his conviction by the trial court in the telecom equipment purchase scam. The appeal sought setting aside of the trial court judgement of July 5, 2002 and his acquittal on corruption charges in the purchase of 3000 MARR (2/15) systems for the year 92, 93.

- News Digest: Sukh Ram challenges conviction. *The Times of India*. July 20, 2002 : 1.

Delhi High Court suspended the sentences of former Communications Minister Sukh Ram and two co-accused Runu Ghosh and P.Rama Rao on July 25, 2002 accused in the Telecom scam case and granted them regular bail.

- Sukh Ram gets bail in telecom case. *Tribune*. July 26, 2002 : 20.
- Digest: Bail for Sukh Ram. *Hindu*. July 26, 2002 : 1.

Suman, Shivmangal Singh (Dr.)

Renowned Hindi poet Shivmangal Singh Suman passed away in Ujjain on November 27, 2002. Former Principal of Madhav College as also the former Vice-Chancellor of Vikram University, Ujjain, Dr. Suman was conferred both Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan awards. The cremation took place with full state honours on November 28, 2002. The Madhya Pradesh State Assembly paid glowing tributes to the eminent scholar-poet on November 28, 2002 and was adjourned for the day after member stood in silence for two minutes.

- Suman cremated with State honours. *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 5.

Sunita Rani

Sunita, Silver medallist at Bankok and returning to competition following a hip injury after a long time set a scorching pace to win the women's 1500 metres in four minutes 6.03 seconds at the Busan Asiad. The old Games record of 4 : 12.48 was set by China's Qu Yunxia in 1994.

- Indian women trigger gold rush. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 21.
- Sunita silences critics with gold. *Tribune*. October 11, 2002 : 18.
- Indian athletes set the track ablaze. *Tribune*. October 11, 2002 : 18.

India's twin medal winning distance runner in Busan Asian Games, 22-year-old Sunita Rani (1500 m. gold and a bronze in the 5000m) tested positive for the banned substance, Nandrolene. Announcement to this effect was made by the Busan Asian Games Organising Committee (BAGOC) Chief Soon Tack Chuhng at a press conference in Busan on October 13, 2002.

- Sunita tests positive for doping. *Tribune*. October 14, 2002 ; 1, 18.
- Denies taking banned drug. *Tribune*. October 14, 2002 : 18.
- Rani fails to clear yet another test. *Times of India*. October 15, 2002 : 15.
- Sunita tests positive a second time. *Hindu*. October 16, 2002 : 20.

Sunita Rani was stripped of Asian Games medals on October 16, 2002, after failing to pass the second dope test on 'B' samples. Rani had tested positive for Nandrolene, a steroid which assists muscle-building.

- Sunita Rani stripped of medals. *Times of India*. October 17, 2002 : 1.
- Kalmadi warns Sunita of 'strictest action'. *Tribune*. October 17, 2002 : 16.

- Chatterjee, Abhijit. Sunita Rani alone not to blame. *Tribune*. October 17, 2002 : 16.
- Doping affair gets murkier. *Sunday Tribune*. October 20, 2002 : 22.
- Ashk, Gur Kirpal Singh. Sunita Rani's dope test raises questions. *Times of India*. October 20, 2002 : 1.
- Pandey, Vineeta, 'Everyone is treating my sister like a criminal'. *Sunday Times of India*. October 20, 2002 : 21.

Sports Authority of India has suspended Sunita Rani's coach Renu Kohli to facilitate the inquiry ordered by the Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI) on the dope testing fiasco.

- SAI suspends Sunita's coach. *Tribune*. October 26, 2002 : 18.
- Swarup, Harihar. Profile : India's ace runner in trouble. *Sunday Tribune*. October 27, 2002 : 11.

The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has appointed a "high-level committee" to inquire into the Sunita Rani doping case. Headed by the former Secretary in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Mr. S.S. Sharma and including Prof. Y.K. Gupta, Deptt. of Pharmacology, AIIMS, D-G of the Sports Authority of India, Mr. Shekhar Dutt among others, will inquire "into the circumstances responsible for and leading to Sunita Rani testing positive during the Busan Asian Games.

- IAAF asks AAFI to impose Sunita's suspension. *Hindu*. November 7, 2002 : 19.
- Unnikrishanan, M.S. New panel to probe Sunita case. *Tribune*. November 15, 2002 : 18.

The Amateur Athletic Federation of India (AAFI) cleared Sunita Rani of charges of consuming banned drugs on November 11, 2002. It also decided to challenge the decision to strip her of medals at Busan Asian Games.

- Digest : AAFI clears Sunita Rani. *Hindu*. November 12, 2002 : 1.
- Athletic Federation clears Sunita Rani of doping. *Times of India*. November 12, 2002 : 7.
- No action against Sunita for now. *Hindu*. November 12, 2002 : 21.
- Editorial : Hope for Sunita. *Tribune*. November 13, 2002 : 8.

Surana, Prem

Supreme Court upheld the order of the Rajasthan High Court awarding six months simple imprisonment to Mr. Prem Surana for slapping a magistrate in open court and using abusive language after his plea for exemption form appearance in a case was rejected. A Bench comprising Justice U.C. Banerjee and Justice B.N. Agrawal while dismissing Surana's appeal observed that "the slap on the face of the judicial officer is, in fact, a slap on the face of the justice delivery system in the country."

– Venkatesa, J. SC sends errant lawyer to jail. *Hindu*. August 23, 2002 : 8.

Surinder Nath, Lt. Gen. (Retd.)

After serving the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) as its Chairman for over three and a half years, Surinder Nath will demit the office on June 25.

During his tenure, Lt. Gen. Nath's main endeavour was "to make relevant information easily available to the users – that is, candidates". Subsequently, he launched the Commission's website, opened a computerized facilitation center and introduced new application forms common for all examinations. The UPSC also began giving advance notice of the schedule of examinations for the coming year, which hugely benefitted the examinees.

Gen. Nath's another endeavour was to provide a level playing field to all candidates irrespective of the subjects they had opted for so that competition becomes fair. He also ensured that equality of opportunity is provided to candidates of all sections of the society. Special facilities were introduced for the physically handicapped candidates such as provision of scribes, wheelchairs and additional time to such candidates appearing for various examinations.

Keeping in view the changing role of the Civil Service, he constituted a high-level expert committee to review the present scheme of the Civil Services Examination. He also made periodical review of selection methods and revision of syllabi for all exams.

– UPSC Chief's tenure ends. *The Hindu*. June 25, 2002 : 4.

Surinder Singh (Subedar)

Subedar Surinder Singh of 3 Sikh regiment was on August 14, posthumously decorated with Ashok Chakra, the highest peace time gallantry award for gunning down four Pakistani mercaenaries in a fierce encounter near the border town of Poonch.

– Sikh regiment Subedar awarded Ashok Chakra. *Tribune*. August 16, 2002 : 20.

Surjeet, Harkishan Singh

Veteran Communist leader, Harkishen Singh Surjeet was on March 24, 2002, unanimously re-elected CPM General Secretary for the fourth successive term. The party, at its 17th Congress in Hyderabad reposed faith in Mr. Surjeet. Surjeet was first elected to the post of CPM General Secretary at the Madras Congress in 1992. Immediately after his reelection, Mr. Surjeet said his party's foremost challenge was to fight and defeat communal forces represented by the BJP and to build the third front as an alternative to the BJP and Congress. He also vowed to streamline the party by addressing its shortcomings and weaknesses.

– Surjeet re-elected Gen. Secy. of CPM. *Tribune*. March 25, 2002 : 1.

Born in a small town Bandala in Jalandhar district, Harkishan Singh Surjeet could not go beyond matriculation. He was still in school when he began association with the national movement. In 1930 he joined the *Naujawan Bharat Sabha*, which was founded by young revolutionaries like Bhagat Singh and Bhagwati Charan. After the execution of Bhagat Singh and his friends Rajguru and Sukhdev, young Harkishan participated in the Civil Disobedience Movement. Even though he was a minor then he was imprisoned for a period of four years for his seditious activities. After release form the jail, he joined the Communist Party of India. In 1936 he became a co-founder of the Kisan Sabha in Punjab. He not only fought for India's independence but also carried on with equal zeal the social and economic reform programmes. He started a journal, *Dukhi Duniya* from Jalandhar. As the British Government was watching the activities, he shifted to Saharanpur to escape their oppression. He started a paper, *Chingari* from there. During the Second World War, along with other Communist leaders Surjeet was rounded up and detained in Rajasthan.

Harkishan Singh has been re-elected to the powerful post of general secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) for the fourth time.

– He took to politicking instead of poetry. *Tribune.* March 31, 2002 : 13.

Surjit Singh, Lt. Gen. (Retd.)

Lt. General (Retd.) Surjit Singh was sworn in as a member of the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) by the Punjab Governor, Lt. Gen. J.F.R. Jacob (Retd.) at Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh on June 11, 2002. He will perform the duties of Chairman till the removal of the suspended Chairman Ravinder Pal Singh Sidhu.

– Ex-Armyman to head PPSC. *Hindu.* June 12, 2002 : 9.

– Surjit Singh sworn in PPSC member. *Tribune.* June 12, 2002 : 3.

– New PPSC swears by merit. *Tribune.* June 29, 2002 : 5.

Suroor, Al Ahmad (Prof.)

The noted Urdu scholar, author and poet Al Ahmad Suroor (91) passed away in New Delhi on February 9, 2002. Padma Bhushan Prof. Suroor was Professor Emeritus at Aligarh Muslim University. He was recipient of several national and international awards including the Sahitya Academy Award for his works in Urdu, the Pakistan President's Gold Medal for services to Iqbal studies and Iqbal Samman by the Madhya Pradesh Government.

– Noted Urdu Scholar dead. *Hindu.* February 10, 2002 : 3.

Sushil Prakash

Sushil Prakash, a lawyer, has been arrested by the Jharkhand Police under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) from Palamau district on June 21, 2002.

He has been arrested on the charge of aiding militants. Police has reportedly recovered some arms and ammunition from his residence.

– Lawyer arrested under POTA. *Tribune.* June 23, 2002 : 10.

Sutlan (Mian)

Sutlan Mian, a dreaded criminal and gangster with political connections in the ruling RJD govt. in Bihar, abducted a married woman, Kanchan Mishra with her four-year-old child in broad daylight in the capital Patna and forced her to marry him. Even a state minister of the ruling RJD party Mr. Ejazul Haq came to bless the criminal, and hosted a lavish reception. Sutlan Mian is reported to be a protege of the infamous Member of Parliament from Siwan, Mohammad Shahabuddin.

– Tewary, Amarnath. A Shotgun wedding. *Outlook.* November 26–December 2, 2002 : 8.

Swaminathan, M.S. (Dr.)

Internationally acclaimed agricultural scientist M.S. Swaminathan's biography, 'Dr. M.S. Swaminathan: Scientist and Humanist', by R.D. Iyer was released by Maharashtra Governor, P.C. Alexander on May 25, 2002 at Raj Bhawan in Mumbai. The Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan has published the book. The Governor referred to Swaminathan as not only a great scientist and technocrat but also as an excellent humanist. He also lauded the efforts of M.S. Swaminathan Foundation's strategy for removal of poverty. Dr. Swaminathan is the current president of the Pugwash movement started by Albert Einstein in 1955.

– Governor releases book on Swaminathan. *Tribune.* May 27, 2002 : 8.

– 'Swaminathan a humanist'. *Hindu.* May 27, 2002 : 8.

Noted agricultural scientist, Dr. M.S. Swaminathan has been named for the 'Toda Award for Peace Achievement' for his "unique and invaluable contributions to deepening and enhancing understanding of plant genetics and contributing immensely to the welfare of humankind". The award is given by the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research, Japan.

– Awarded. *Hindu.* November 1, 2002 : 9.

Swamy, Shekar

Shekar Swamy has received the Alumni Hall of Achievement Award of the Northwestern University in the U.S. for his contributions to developing the standards of advertising and integrated marketing communications in the global arena. Swamy is the President of R.K. Swamy / BBDO, one of India's leading advertising agencies. The award was presented by the Dean and Faculty at the Unviersity's Evanston, Illinois campus.

– Shekar Swamy gets U.S. University award. *Hindu.* June 1, 2002 : 16.

Swaraj, Sushma

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Mrs. Sushma Swaraj said on September 20, 2002, that there was no question of abolishing the film censor board, while speaking at a meet the press programme organised by Raipur Press Club in Raipur.

– Sushma : no move to scrap censor board. *Tribune*. September 21, 2002 : 8.

Swarnavenkatesa Deekshithar, V.V.

Noted Tamil music composer, V.V. Swarnavenkatesa Deekshithar (81), died in Chennai on March 16, 2002. Mr. Deekshithar was associated with the music world for nearly 60 years. He had been honoured with the 'Kalaimamani' award by the Tamil Nadu Government in 1973. In 1986, the Sangeet Natak Academy conferred him fellowship.

– In brief : Classical Tamil Music composer dies. *Tribune*. March 18, 2002 : 8.

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Tagore, Abhijith

Twenty-one year old engineering student from Bangalore Abhijith Tagore has been awarded the International Poet of Merit Award by the International Society of Poets Convention, organized by poetry.com. His poem "Friendship" won him the prestigious award at a recently held convention at a Disney's Coronado Springs resort in Orlando, USA. The poem was selected from over 25000 entries and also published in a book called "Tender Moments".

– Poetry award for Bangalore youth. *Tribune*. March 25, 2002 : 8.

Tangri, Jagdish

Self-styled Chief of Shiv Sena (Rashtravadi) Jagdish Tangri, surrendered before the Ludhiana police on July 20, 2002. He was remanded to police custody on July 21, 2002 for two days.

– Spotlight: 2-day police remand for Tangri. *Tribune*. July 22, 2002 : 1.

– Tangri 'admits' torturing people, stealing power. *Times of India*. July 22, 2002 : 1.

Tanted, Suresh

Noted music connoisseur Suresh Tanted, was presented the 'Pandit Manmohan Bhatt Lifetime Achievement Award' for his "untiring efforts" to promote Indian classical music for half a century. The award was presented to Suresh Tanted, at the annual Pandit Manmohan Bhatt music festival in Jaipur on July 27, 2002.

– Lifetime award for Tanted. *Tribune*. July 29, 2002 : 8.

Tara Chand

Mr. Tara Chand of the Congress was elected unanimously as the Speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on November 21, 2002. Mr. Tara Chand is a member of the Scheduled Caste community.

– Tara Chand elected J & K Speaker. *Tribune*. November 22, 2002 : 18.

Tata, Ratan

Chairman of Tata Group, Mr. Ratan Tata on February 13, 2002 handed over a cheque of Rs. 1,439 crore to the Communications and Information Technology Minister Mr. Pramod Mahajan and took charge of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL). The Tata Group has acquired a 25 per cent stake in VSNL. Mr. Ratan Tata took over as the chairman of the reconstituted Board of VSNL and said "the integration of VSNL into the Group has filled a major gap and it will be our endeavour to provide end to end solutions to the consumers and connectivity outside the country." He also ruled out any possibility of laying off existing VSNL employees.

– No time-frame set for MTNL, BSNL sell off. *Tribune*. February 14, 2002 : 13.

Mr. Ratan Tata, executive chairman of the Tata group holding company, Tata Sons, stepped down as Chairman of the Tata group on December 28, 2002. He will however continue to lead the conglomerate in a non-executive capacity. Mr. Tata will remain the non-executive Chairman for five more years till the age of 70, and will not draw any honorarium from the company.

– Ratan Tata steps down. *Tribune*. December 29, 2002 : 19.

– Ratan Tata to function as non-executive chairman. *Hindu*. December 29, 2002 : 15.

Tayal, S.P. (Dr.)

His dedication towards his work and commitment towards students has borne fruit for Dr. S.P. Tayal, a Professor in Guru Nanak College of Engineering, Ludhiana. He has brought laurels to the city. Dr. Tayal has been conferred with the prestigious Rashtriya Ratan Shiromani Award by the Madhya Pradesh Government for his outstanding contributions in the field of engineering research and teaching.

Dr. Tayal was given the award on April 27 in Bhopal on the occasion of an All India Conference on "Economic Recession and its Remedies" by the Minister for Technical Education and Human Resource Development, Mr. Raja Pateria.

The Award constitutes a memento and a citation that reads that he has been awarded for his higher education and greater experience as a senior educationist and for providing exemplary guidance to students in evolving engineering projects, their examinations and helping students write their theses on industrial production and help them receive acknowledgement and honours in conferences and sponsored programmes of many technical universities all over India.

He has also gained wide knowledge in industrial statistics, operation research, instrumentation works and many other courses requiring skill including the most sophisticated cryogenic technology. His work has been acknowledged widely, as he has been instrumental in shaping educational techniques for NITs and for writing technical books and research.

Dr. Tayal has authored around six books on engineering design and production and more than 100 papers written by him have been published in national and international journals. He has been instrumental in bringing in maximum grants form All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) and is the Chairman of Board of Studies in Production of the Punjab Technical University.

– GNCE professor honoured. *Ludhiana Tribune*. May 28, 2002 : 2.

Tejpal, Tarun

Appearing before the Justice K. Venkataswami Commission, the Tehelka.com's editor-in-chief Tarun Tejpal stated on June 27, 2002 in New Delhi that "there was no motive whatsoever behind Operation Westend… it was purely journalistic to highlight corruption in the highest place, in the system... no premeditated target." He further added: "Instead of the system of arms purchase and political funding being cleaned, we are being hounded. We have been destroyed. We have not paid salary to our staff for five months and become a 15th of our original size."

- CBI raids Tehelka office. *Hindu.* June 27, 2002 : 1,10.
- Motive was only journalism, says Tehelka Chief. *Times of India.* June 28, 2002 : 1.
- Tehelka's aim was to expose graft. *Tribune.* June 28, 2002 : 1.

In an editorial the *Tribune* says: The wrong doing appears to be more on the part of the government agency in terms of bad timing and an unnecessary show of power. The comments are in connection with the raid conducted by CBI on the portals' office on June 26.

- Avoidable Tehelka. *Tribune.* June 28, 2002 : 10.
- It wasn't against any individual: Tejpal. *Hindu.* June 28, 2002 : 13.
- No dishonest motive in expose: Tejpal. *Hindu.* June 29, 2002 : 12.
- Intentions were honest: Tejpal. *Times of India.* June 30, 2002 : 6.

Tehelka Managing Director Tarun Tejpal was question continuously for four days in New Delhi. He charged the government with "targeting" the news portal both in cross-examination and the affidavits filed before the Venkataswami Commission.

- Tehelka chief denies editing portions of tapes. *Hindu.* July 2, 2002 : 13.
- ED allegation 'baseless'. *Hindu.* July 2, 2002 : 13.
- Tejpal, government trade charges. *Tribune.* July 3, 2002 : 18.
- Venkatesan, J. We have not violated any law, says Tehelka. *Hindu.* July 4, 2002 : 12.
- Kaur, Naunidhi. Tehelka trials. *Frontline.* 19(14) July 6, 19, 2002 : 120, 121.

Tehleka dot com chairman Mr. Tarun Tejpal alleges victimisation at the hands of the NDA government at the Centre. He said, "Everybody loves us but nobody wants to be associated with us. Not a single rupee has been invested in Tehleka after we broke the story of Operation Westend. Our financiers have been put behind bars. We are served summons by half dozen a week. We have been harassed by all the government agencies. I have not paid salary to my staff for the past five months".

Managing Director of Tehleka. com Mr. Tarun Tejpal was granted bail by a Delhi Court on September 27, 2002, in a defamation case filed by former Samata Party President, Ms. Jaya Jaitley.

– Tarun Tejpal gets bail. *Tribune*. September 28, 2002 : 8.

– Sanghvi, Malavika. Shooting the messenger. *Men and women : Sunday Times of India*. December 1, 2002 : 1, 2.

Tejveer Singh, Guddu

Noted environmentalist and Magsaysay award winner Rajendra Singh was assaulted on June 10, 2002 in Aligarh during a seminar. In his speech at the seminar Rajendra Singh said that water conservations in India could succeed only if elected representatives discharged their social obligations. At this, Tejveer Singh Guddu, Chairman of Aligarh Zila Panchayat reportedly slapped and pushed him off the stage. Singh, collapsed after being assaulted and suffered serious injuries. He was shifted to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

– Police raids in U.P., Delhi to nab assaulter. *Hindu*. June 13, 2002 : 9.

Tendulkar, Priya

Noted television, film and stage actress Priya Tendulkar (48) died following a massive heart attack at her residence in Mumbai on September 19, 2002. Daughter of the renowned playwright Vijay Tendulkar, Priya shot into limelight after her portrayal of 'Rajni' in the Basu Chatterjee-directed popular TV serial.

– Digest : Priya Tendulkar is dead. *Hindu*. September 20, 2002 : 1.

– Priya Tendulkar dead. *Tribune*. September 20, 2002 : 1.

– Hoskote, Ranjit. Icon of the middle class. *Friday Review : Hindu*. September 27, 2002 : 1.

Tendulkar, Sachin

Sachin Tendulkar has replaced Australia's Michael Bevan as the No. 1 in the world one-day international batting ratings.

– Tendulkar replaces Bevan in one-day rankings. *Hindu*. February 13, 2002 : 16.

In view of the threat to the life of batting maestro, Sachin Tendulkar, from terrorist outfits, Maharashtra Government has provided round-the-clock security cover to him. Police officials armed with carbines and pistols, guard the cricket superstar following ISI agent Aftab Ansari's confession of attempting to kidnap Tendulkar. Armed security men have been deployed at his residence.

– Tight security for Tendulkar. *Tribune*. March 23, 2002 : 21.

Sachin Tendulkar hits his 29th test century, equaling Sir Don Bradman's record during the first day of the Second Test match against West Indies at Queen's

Park Oval in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad on April 19, 2002. Having posted a milestone 29th century – as many as Sir Don Bradman's - in Tests, Tendulkar says, "I am happy to have equaled Sir Don Bradman's tally but as the world knows, no body can equal him".

– What next, Don Tendulkar? *Times of India*. April 21, 2002 : 1.

The prestigious *Time* magazine has put the cricketing icon Tendulkar on its cover in its April 29 special issue. This is the second time since May 1999 that this *legendary* Indian Sportsman has adorned the magazine's cover.

– Sachin on the *Time* cover. *Times of India*. April 21, 2002 : 1.

Sachin Tendulkar received yet another accolade with Sir Garfield Sobers saying the Indian champion is ahead of Lara with his concentration and thinking ability. Sobers, the greatest cricketer ever with over 9,032 runs, 235 wickets and 109 catches from 93 Tests said this at the West Indies nets at Bridgetown on May 2, adding he has it in him to be among the very best.

– Another accolade for Tendulkar. *Tribune*. May 3, 2002 : 16.

According to a research finding the advertisements featuring batting maestro Sachin Tendulkar are likely to have better recall rates than most other celebrities. The soft-spoken sportsman from Mumbai scored 4.4 points on a scale of 10 in a survey conducted by Delhi based research agency Indica Research Media and Entertainment Practice. This research study aimed to identify the appeal of various celebrities.

– Walia, Kaajal. Celebrities' appeal: Sachin is a cut above the rest. *Times of India*. July 22, 2002 : 8.

Sachin Tendulkar scored his 30th Test century and outdid Sir Don Bradman on the second afternoon of the third Test against England on August 23, 2002, at Headingley, Leeds.

– Tendulkar eclipses Bradman. *Tribune*. August 24, 2002 : 1, 17.

– Viswanath, G. Tendulkar makes Bradman's mark oblivion. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 19.

– Sachin most complete batsman : Gavaskar. *Tribune*. August 25, 2002 : 22.

Batting maestro, Sachin Tendulkar is to play his 100th Test match on September 5, 2002. On the eve of his 100th Test, Government waived the import duty on the Ferrari gifted to him by Formula One Champion Michael Schumacher on behalf of Fiat.

– Ghosh, Jaideep. Schain to play 100th Test : Cricket World is at his feet. *Hindustan Times*. September 5, 2002 : 1.

– Editorial : Bal Sachin. *Times of India*. September 5, 2002 : 14.

– Tendulkar youngest to appear in 100th Test. *Hindu*. September 5, 2002 : 21.

– Viswanath, G. Realisation of a schoolboy's dream. *Hindu*. September 5, 2002 : 21.

Sachin Tendulkar on October 18, 2002 became the first batsman to complete 20,000 runs, when he reached 16 in the second Test Match between India and the West Indies in Chennai.

– Another record for Sachin. *Times of India*. October 19, 2002 : 21.

Teresa (Mother)

Kolkata's posh Park Street was renamed "Mother Teresa Sarani" on March 17, 2002 after the Nobel Llaureate nun, who made Kolkata the centre of her service for the poor.

– In brief : Street named after Mother Teresa. *Tribune*. March 18, 2002 : 8.

Thackeray, Bal

Shiv Sena Supremo Bal Thackeray, speaking in the Party conclave at Shirdi on April 10 said: Neglecting the cause of Hindus was responsible for the recent electoral reverses suffered by the BJP...; The BJP is losing its base in the country while the Congress is gaining an upper hand;... if the voting right of the Muslims was withdrawn, then none of these "secularists" would shed tear for their cause. It is nothing but vote bank politics... If rights of the Hindus are not protected in this nation then I do not care for your secularism, burn it... Christian missionaries have become active in the country. They have godmother in Mrs. Sonia Gandhi.

– Abandoning *Hindutva* led to BJP debacle. *Tribune*. April 11, 2002 : 1, 16.

Maharashtra Government on October 17, 2002 filed a case against Mr. Thackeray under Section 153 A of IPC, a non-bailable offence punishable upto three years in jail or with fine or both. Maharashtra Government took serious view of Shiv Sena Chief Bal Thackeray call to Hindus for forming suicide squads to tackle cross-border terrorism, at the Shivaji Park (Mumbai) rally on October 15, 2002. Thackeray suggested that the Army be given in his hands to eliminate terrorists.

– Criminal case against Thackeray : Sena threatens govt. dire consequences. *Tribune*. October 18, 2002 : 1, 12.

– BJP opposes case against Thackeray. *Tribune*. October 18, 2002 : 8.

– Vijaypurkar, Mahesh. Case filed against Thackeray. *Hindu*. October 18, 2002 : 1, 11.

– Sena Chief not to seek bail. *Tribune*. October 19, 2002 : 1, 14.

Thaker, Amit

Amit Thaker, President of the Bhartiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), Gujarat unit was arrested from his residence in Ahmedabad on June 18, 2002, for allegedly attacking Narmada Bachao Andolan leader Medha Patkar at Sabarmati Ashram on April 7, 2002.

– Attack on Medha Patkar: five arrested. *Hindu*. June 19, 2002 : 11.

– India Digest: BJYM leader held. *Times of India*. June 20, 2002 : 9.

Thakshinamurthy

Former Branch Manager of the State Bank of India, Madurai, Thakshinamurthy was convicted of committing a bank fraud to the tune of Rs. 46 lakh. A Madurai special court has slapped a record fine of Rs. 42 lakh on him along with a sentence to undergo rigorous imprisonment for five years.

– SBI's ex-manager fined Rs. 42 lakh. *Tribune*. December 29, 2002 : 12.

Thakur, C.P. (Dr.)

Union Health Minister, Dr. C.P. Thakur has been conferred with the honorary fellowship of the National Academy of Medical Sciences. Dr. Thakur is the 15th person to receive the fellowship of the prestigious academy. He has been honoured for his contributions in controlling the dreaded Kala Azar disease.

– Thakur honoured. *Hindu*. March 26, 2002 : 12.

Thakur, S.P.

S.P. Thakur, Joint Secretary, Finance, Haryana has been appointed Director of the Haryana Police Housing Corporation.

– S.P. Thakur. *Tribune*. June 26, 2002 : 13.

Thandi, Narinderjit Singh

Mr. Narinderjit Singh Thandi, an NRI has been elected Mayor of Gravesham (U.K.) for the year 2002-2003. He originally belongs to Nawanshahr district of Punjab. Mr. Thandi, after graduating from DAV College, Chandigarh, migrated to UK in 1977.

– Thandi elected mayor in UK. *Tribune*. August 12, 2002 : 7.

Thaninathan, Geetha

An Indian origin girl in London, six-year-old Geetha Thaninathan, became the youngest girl to pass a GCSE (equivalent of Secondary School Certificate) in London, on August 23, 2002. She scored a 'C' grade in her Information Technology paper. She wishes to become a doctor.

– Indian-origin prodigy's feat. *Hindu*. August 24, 2002 : 12.

Thapar, Romila

Ms. Romila Thapar, Emeritus Professor of History at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, will be conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by the Oxford University on June 19, 2002. Ms. Thapar has been chosen for the degree for her outstanding contribution to literature.

– Oxford honour for Romila Thapar. *Tribune*. June 19, 2002 : 9.

Thapiyal, R.K.

Thapiyal has been appointed as the Chief General Manager of the State Bank of India, Delhi Circle. He joined the Bank as a probationary officer in 1968. Before his present assignment, Thapiyal was the Chief General Manager-cum-Principal at the State Bank Staff College in Gurgaon.

– New SBI general manager. Hindu. March 2, 2002 : 4.

Tharoor, Shashi (Dr.)

Dr. Tharoor Shashi has been appointed Under-Secretary-General to the Department of Public Information at the United Nations. At 46 he is among the youngest to be promoted to the level of Under-Secretary-General. Born in London and educated mostly in India, Tharoor earned two master's degrees and a doctorate form Tuft's University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Massachusetts by the time he was 22. Tharoor joined the United Nations in 1978.

– Indian Under-Secretary-General at United Nations. *Tribune.* June 2, 2002 : 11.

– Senior U.N. post for Shahi Tharoor. *Hindu.* June 2, 2002 : 11.

Thatte, Maltibai

Noted freedom fighter and winner of the Maharashtra Government's Dalit Mitra Puraskar died on June 26, 2002 at Nasik due to old age. She was 92. Maltibai had joined Mahatma Gandhi Ashram at Wardha in 1926 and later took part in freedom movement.

Thete, Ramesh

Mr. Ramesh Thete, IAS and Director, Employment and Training, M.P. Government was arrested on February 18, 2002 by the Lokayukta Police while taking a bribe of Rs. 1 lakh.

– In breif : IAS officer caught taking bribe. *Tribune*. February 20, 2002 : 8.

Thungon, P.K.

President has granted sanction for the prosecution of former Union Minister P.K. Thungon for his alleged involvement in an irrigation scam in Nagaland. CBI is likely to charge-sheet Mr. Thungon soon.

– Irrigation scam : Nod to ex-minister's prosecution. *Tribune.* December 2, 2002 : 20.

Tikait, Mahendra Singh

The Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) President Mahendra Singh Tikait was taken into custody near Milak Rly Station in apprehension of breach of peace and was detained in Rampur district jail. This was done to prevent him from taking part in a maha- panchyat in Lucknow which had been banned by the Government of UP.

– Tikait, supporters arrested. *Hindu*. September 18, 2002 : 11.

Tirpude, Nasikrao

Veteran Congressman and former Maharasthra Deputy Chief Minister, Nasikrao Tirpude (82) passed away in Mumbai at the Bombay Hospital on May 19, 2002. He championed the cause of a separate Vidarbha state. He is survived by his son, Rajkumar, dauther-in-law and grandchildren.

– Tirpude dead. *Hindu.* May 20, 2002 : 13.

Tiwana, Dalip Kaur (Dr.)

Leading Punjabi novelist and writer, Dr. Tiwana has been selected for the Saraswati Samman, 2001 for her novel "Katha Kaho Urvashi". Tiwana has to her credit 27 novels, seven collections of short stories, the first part of her autobiography and a literary biography. The 600-page 'Katha Kaho Urvashi', is in five parts which are inter-dependent as also independent experiments with narrative strategies encompassing the religious, didactic tale, fable oral tradition, monologue, journal and dialogue form. Literary critics have viewed the novel as a composite picture of reality. The Award carries a citation and Rs.5 lakh cash.

– Saraswati Samman for Dalip Tiwana. *Times of India*. January 25, 2002 : 9.

Tiwana, Iqbal Singh

Iqbal Singh Tiwana has been appointed Secretary of the Shiromani Akali Dal by its President, Parkash Singh Badal. He replaces Kirpal Singh Badungar who was elected as the President of the SGPC.

– *Tribune.* May 8, 2002 : 6.

Tiwari, Jai Narain

Mr. Jai Narain Tiwari, Uttar Pradesh Public Enterprise and Export Promotion Minister and Kisan Mazdoor Bahujan Party (KMBP) Leader, on January 21 resigned from the Rajnath Singh Government in protest against denial of party ticket for next month's Assembly polls. With this, six ministers have thus far quit the UP Government.

– UP Minister resigns. *Tribune*. January 22, 2002 : 1.

Tiwari, N.D.

Mr. Narain Dutt Tiwari was sworn in as the third Chief Minister of Uttaranchal on March 2, 2002. Governor Surjeet Singh Barnala administered the oath of office and secrecy to him, at ONGC auditorium in Dehra Dun.

– Spotlight : Tiwari sworn in Uttaranchal CM. *Tribune*. March 3, 2002 : 1.

Uttaranchal Chief Minister N.D. Tiwari was declared elected on August 12 from the Ramnagar Assembly constituency in the by-election held on August 8. He won the election by a margin of 23, 220 votes. Tiwari polled 32, 913 votes while his nearest rival Ram Singh Bisht of the BJP secured only 9,693 votes. In all 44,041 votes were polled in Ramnagar by-election.

– Tiwari wins Ramnagar by-election. *Tribune.* August 13, 2002 : 16.

– Tiwari wins. *Times of India*. August 13, 2002 : 6.

Tiwari, Shreeniwas

M.P. Assembly Speaker Shreeniwas Tiwari is facing grave corruption charges, which the State High Court has been directed by the Supreme Court not to dismiss in limine. The State HC has issued notices to Tiwari and others on petition, the second in the matter, filed by Laxman Tiwari and four others of Rewa (M.P.). The first petition which was field by Ram Charan Patel in 1999 was dismissed by HC without hearing with the observation that these kind of allegations cannot be constructed as a PIL. On the intervention of the Apex Court, the writ petition (WP) was once again listed for hearing in the MP High Court, but Patel withdrew it on March 6, 2002. The present is the second WP containing similar allegations and the supporting documents filed before M.P. HC.

– MP Speaker faces graft charges. *Tribune*. August 12, 2002 : 8.

Togadia, Praveen

Vishwa Hindu Parishad leader Mr. Praveen Togadia's description of Ms. Sonia Gandhi as a "dog from Italy" made in a public rally in Bhuj, Gujarat came in for sharp criticism from several senior Congress leaders. Seven members of the Congress Working Committee addressed a joint press conference in New Delhi on October 19, 2002 to roundly condemn Mr. Togadia's use of "most foul language" to describe their Party President.

– Congress condemns Togadia's diatribe. *Hindu*. October 20, 2002 : 1, 10.

– It was a general passing remark. *Hindu*. October 22, 2002 : 13.

Gujarat government authorities on Nov. 16, 2002 banned the entry of VHP leaders, Mr. Praveen Togadia and Acharya Dharmendra Maharaj in Godhra in view of the VHP's threat to go ahead with its controversial "Desh Dharma Raksha Yatra".

– Togadia's entry banned : Cracks in VHP as *sants* not confided. *Tribune*. November 17, 2002 : 1.

VHP leader Praveen Togadia and Adharya Dharmendra were arrested on November 17, 2002 and released after four hours as they were leading a band of 300 activists and were scheduled to leave for Godhra to launch the pad-padshashi yatra banned by the Election Commission.

– Togadia held and released : VHP yatra is a damp squib; leadership now plans meetings all over. *Times of India*. November 18, 2002 : 1.

Tota Singh

Punjab's Vigilance Bureau on June 14, 2002, arrested Senior Akali Leader and former Punjab Education Minister Tota Singh for his alleged involvement in the purchase of bad quality paper worth Rs.5 crore by the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) during his tenure as Education Minister. There are four main charges under which Tota Singh has been arrested: For possessing property worth Rs.10 crore which is disproportionate to his known sources of income; for manipulating recruitments during his tenure; for interfering in the internal affairs of PSEB; and for taking commissions in the purchase of textbooks and paper by the PSEB.

- Former Punjab Minister arrested. *Hindu.* June 15, 2002 : 5.
- Tota Singh in Vigilance net. *Tribune.* June 15, 2002 : 1,14.
- Vigilance picks up Tota Singh over corruption charges. *Times of India.* June 15, 2002 : 1
- Garg, Balwant. Friends and relatives of Tota Singh go underground. *Sunday Times of India.* June 16, 2002 : 1.
- Tota amassed assets worth 17 crores. *Tribune.* June 16, 2002 : 1,9.
- Tota Singh remanded till June 23. *Tribune.* June 21, 2002 : 3.
- Moga councilor held in Tota Singh case. *Tribune.* June 23, 2002 : 4.

Vigilance Bureau from Chandigarh raided at Moga on June 24 the White House of former Education Minister Tota Singh, who is in judicial custody on charges of cheating, forgery, corruption and accumulation of assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

- Tota's White House raided. *Tribune.* June 25, 2002 : 3.
- V.B. conducts search at Tota Singh's house. *Times of India.* June 25, 2002 : 4.

Prem Chand city councilor of Moga and a close confidant of former Akali Minister Tota Singh was rounded up in a raid on his residence by the Vigilance Bureau sleuths on July 6, 2002.

- Tota Singh's confidant rounded up. *Tribune.* July 7, 2002 : 1.
- Tota Singh's remand extended. *Tribune.* July 10, 2002 : 5.
- Presidential poll: Tota Singh allowed to vote. *Tribune.* July 14, 2002 : 4.

Indicting former Punjab Education Minister Tota Singh in recruitment of science teachers in different reserve categories, Punjab Lokpal, Justice Sehgal, has given detailed directions to the Punjab Government to cancel recruitment and hold fresh selections.

- Lok Pal indicts Tota Singh again. *Times of India.* August 6, 2002 : 6.
- Cancel teachers' selection : Lokpal. Tota Singh found guilty of misconduct. *Tribune.* August 6, 2002 : 1.

Tripathi, Kesari Nath

Senior BJP leader Kesari Nath Tripathi was unanimously elected Speaker of the UP Assembly on May 14, 2002. This is for the third time that Tripathi has been elected for the post of Speaker.

- Tripathi elected UP Speaker. *Tribune.* May 15, 2002 : 8.

Tripathi, N.P.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against Director-General of Income-Tax (Investigations), Chennai Circle, Mr. N.P. Tripathi and two directors of a private firm for reportedly causing a loss of Rs. 63 lakh to the Income Tax Department. According to the CBI the accused official, Mr. Tripathi had abused his official position as public servant while serving as Commissioner of Income Tax, Chennai in 2000-01 and entered into a criminal conspiracy with the officials of a private firm, with an intention to cheat the Department.

– IT DG booked for duping dept. *Tribune*. September 15, 2002 : 10.

N.P. Tripathi, Director-General of Income Tax (Investigation) based in Chennai has landed in CBI net for allegedly causing a loss of Rs. 63 lakh to the national exchequer. Tripathi, a 1969 batch Indian Revenue Service Officer was running two trusts in Chennai and Bhubaneswar. He would make different parties to pay money by cheques to the trust in Chennai. The money would then be transferred to the trust at Bhubaneswar from where Tripathi used to withdraw it.

– IT man in CBI net. *Times of India*. September 16, 2002 : 8.

Tripathi, Ram Manohar (Dr.)

Renowned poet and former Maharashtra Minister, Dr. Ram Manohar Tripathi (69) died in Mumbai on March 7, 2002. He was a senior journalist and worked as a Resident Editor for the *Nav Bharat Times*. He was also National Secretary of the Sharad Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

Noted Hindi litterateur and former Maharashtra Minister Ram Manohar Tripathi (70) passed away on March 7, 2002 at Mumbai. He was an active member of Congress and represented Ghatkopar Assembly constituency in 1972. He was Minister of Urban Development, Protocol, Information and Public Relations. His literary work includes a biography of the former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri and 'Bapu' on Mahatma Gandhi. He was also the editor of an annual magazine 'Mangal Deep'.

– In brief : State Ex-Minister Tripathi dead. *Tribune*. March 8, 2002 : 8.

– Hindi writer passes away. *Hindu*. March 8, 2002 : 5.

Tytler, Jagdish

Former Union Minister and President of the Judo Federation of India, Jagdish Tytler has been named Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent for the Asian Games to be held in Busan (South Korea) in September 2002. Announcement to this effect was made by the President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA), Suresh Kalmadi in New Delhi on June 18, 2002. Secretary-general of the Table Tennis Federation of India, Mool Chand Chauhan, has been named as the Chef-de-Mission for the Commonwealth Games to be held in Manchester (England) in July 2002.

– Tytler Chef-de-Mission. *Tribune*. June 19, 2002 : 19.

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Udit Raj

In an interview with the English weekly, *Outlook*, convenor of All India Confederation of SC/ST Organisations, Mr. Udit Raj says that 'conversion' is a potent weapon the Dalits have to fight for their rights.

- Interview : "Dalits are treated worse than animals, dogs, snakes." *Outlook*. November 12–18, 2002 : 52.

Mr. Udit Raj, Chairman of All-India Confederation of SC/ST Organisations, launched a political outfit–the Justice Party–on November 24, 2002, to "fight" for equal rights to the Dalits in the country. He also demanded reservations for Dalits in the private sector.

- Udit Raj floats Justice Party. *Tribune*. November 25, 2002 : 8.
- Udit Raj floats new party. *Hindu*. November 25, 2002 : 4.

Upadhyay, Kishore

Spearheading the agitation by Tehri Dam Project oustees for a suitable rehabilitation package, Uttaranchal Minister of State, Kishore Upadhyay on May 10, 2002 threatened to be the first to sacrifice his life if attempts were made to complete the project without rehabilitating the victims properly. Addressing a large gathering of oustees outside the State Vidhan Sabha in Dehradun, Upadhyay called for a rehabilitation policy to provide justice to all. Mr. Upadhyay is an MLA from Tehri.

- Suitable rehabilitation policy sought. *Hindu*. May 11, 2002 : 5.

Upadhaya, L.K.

Mr. L.K. Upadhyaya, took over as the Director of the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) on April 15. Mr. Upadhyaya is also the Director of the National Film Archives of India (NFAI). A film-maker-cum-adminstrator, he has handled important assignments in the Films Division, the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), the Department of Film Festivals and the NFAI.

- Updhyaya FTII's new chief. *Times of India*. April 17, 2002 : 72.

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Vadra, Robert

Mr. Robert Vadra, husband of Priyanka Gandhi Vadra has dissociated himself from his father, Mr. Rajinder Vadra, and brother Mr. Richard Vadra through a public notice placed in newspapers. Public notice says Rajinder Vadra and Richard were claiming to be working on Robert's behalf and duping people by promising them jobs and other favours. It states that the two have no access to Robert and have not been authorised to use Robert's name. Congress President Smt. Sonia Gandhi's office depatched photocopies of this public notice to all the Congress Chief Ministers and Presidents of the Pradesh Congress Committees (PCCs).

- Vadra breaks ties with father, brother. *Times of India*. January 8, 2002 : 5.
- Sehgal, Rashme. 'Robert is more Gandhi than Vadra.' *Sunday Times of India*. January 13, 2002 : 7.
- Sahgal, Priya. The Vadras : Love's flavours lost. *Outlook*. January 15-21, 2002 : 26, 28.
- "I don't take favours, why misuse my name". *Outlook*. January 15-21, 2002 : 27.
- Iyer, Lakshmi and Sharad Gupta. In-law as outlaw. *India Today*. 27(3). January 15-21, 2002 : 24, 25.

Vaghela, Shankersinh

Having joined RSS in 1964, Vaghela shifted to the BJP in 1969 and became a Congress man in 2000 and now spearheads Sonia Gandhi's Party in the crucial election. He is possibly the only leader in Gujarat who has visited all 1800 villages, developed good rapport with bureaucrats and has friends in business community in Ahmedabad and Mumbai. Vaghela has been an ardent follower of L.K. Advani, vacated his Gandhinagar seat for him and was considered to be the architect of Advani's poll victory. Vaghela won election from Godra constituency. He wanted to contest for Assembly seat and become CM of Gujarat. He was not allowed. He acted decisively, whipped up a revolt, toppled BJP government and his Rashtriya Janta Party formed the government with the help of Congress. This government, however, was short lived and his party merged with Congress Party. Ending Modi's rule seems to be an acid test for Vaghela in near future.

- Swarup Harihar. Profile : Ending Modi's rule an acid test for Vaghela. *Tribune*. July 28, 2002 : 13.

Vaiko Gopalasamy, Y.

The Thirumangalam police in Madurai has registered a case against MDMK general secretary and Sivakasi MP, Vaiko and others under various sections of the Prevention of Terrorist Act (POTA), the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967 and the IPC, on July 4, 2002. Vaiko and the others are charged with making pro-LTTE speeches at a meeting organized in Thirumangalam on June 29, 2002. Vaiko is alleged to have said in his speech that "he was, is and will continue to be a supporter of the LTTE".

- Arrest move politically motivated: Vaiko. *Hindu.* July 4, 2002 : 6.
- Vijay Kumar, S. Case registered against Vaiko. *Hindu.* July 5, 2002 : 1.
- Pro-LTTE Vaiko booked under POTA. *Tribune.* July 5, 2002 : 18.
- Vaiko FIR is misuse of POTA: Centre. *Times of India.* July 5, 2002 : 6.
- In Brief: 6 MDMK workers arrested. *Tribune.* July 6, 2002 : 8.
- Editorial: POTA Poti: *Times of India.* July 6, 2002 : 14.
- Invoking POTA against Vaiko unwarranted: BJP. *Hindu.* July 6, 2002 : 1.
- Sangameswaran, K.T. POTA arrest, a matter of discretion. *Hindu.* July 7, 2002 : 6.
- 8 MDMK men held under POTA. *Tribune.* July 10, 2002 : 8.
- Vijay Kumar, S. All set for Vaiko arrest. *Hindu.* July 11, 2002 : 1.
- MDMK ministers to be present in Chennai. *Hindu.* July 11, 2002 : 1.
- Centre in a bind. *Hindu.* July 11, 2002 : 1.
- Vaiko's arrest under POTA imminent. *Tribune.* July 11, 2002 : 8.
- Vaiko arrested in Chennai: MDMK workers prevented from reaching airport. *Tribune.* July 12, 2002 : 1, 8.

MDMK leader Vaiko was arrested in Chennai on July 11, 2002 on his arrival from Mumbai. He has been charged under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (POTA) for his alleged pro-LTTE remarks at a meeting at Thirumangalam near Madurai on June 29, 2002.

- Nambath, Suresh. We will fight till the end: Vaiko held under POTA. *Hindu.* July 12, 2002 : 1.
- Vinay Kumar. Unwarranted, says Jaitley. *Hindu.* July 12, 2002 : 1.
- Sangameswaran, K.T. Vaiko arrest incident free. *Hindu.* July 12, 2002 : 6.
- Vydhianathan, S. Gloom at Vaiko's home. *Hindu.* July 12, 2002 : 12.
- Venkatesan, J. POTA must not be used against opponents, says jurists. *Hindu.* July 13, 2002 : 11.
- BJP, Cong dilemma over Vaiko arrest. *Hindu.* July 13, 2002 : 11.
- Editorial: Signal against terror. *Hindu.* July 13, 2002 : 10.

- Court allows Vaiko to vote. *Hindu*. July 13, 2002 : 1.
- Editorial: POTA for partisan ends. *Tribune*. July 13, 2002 : 10.
- POTA against Vaiko unjustified, says George. *Times of India*. July 20, 2002 : 11.
- Fernandes meets Vaiko. *Tribune*. July 20, 2002 : 8.
- Anand, S. Clinker bells : Vaiko's LTTE sympathies get the POTA treatment from Amma. *Outlook*. July 16-22, 2002 : 30.
- Arun Ram. Terror Tactic. *India Today*. July 16-22, 2002 : 41.
- Subramanian, T.S. A crackdown in Tamil Nadu. *Frontline*. 19(15). July 20, August 2 : 20-22.
- Venkatesan V. POTA and some dilemmas. *Frontline*. 19(16). August 3-16, 2002 : 28.
- Swati Das. Shooting from the lip. Men & women: *Sunday Times of India*. July 28, 2002 : 2.

The 'Q' Branch CID of Tamil Nadu police filed on December 30, 2002 a chargesheet against the MDMK general secretary, Mr. Vaiko, for an alleged Pro-LTTE speech he made at Thirunamgalam near Madurai. The 518-page chargedsheet details Mr. Vaiko's open support to LTTE since 1992, cites 115 witnesses and 154 statements of witnesses and lists 106 documents, 43 individual exhibits and 23 material objects.

- Radhakrishnan, R.K. Chargesheet filed against Vaiko, at last. *Hindu*. December 31, 2002 : 6.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari

A photo-exhibition on "Atal Behari Vajpayee : Life and Time" was inaugurated by the Home Minister Mr. Lal Krishan Advani on January 18, 2002 in New Delhi.

- *Pioneer*. January 19, 2002 : 1.

In a first ever judgement regarding right to challenge an election, the Allahabad High Court upheld Prime Minister Vajpayee's victory from Lucknow in 1999. The Court held that a candidate who was disqualified from contesting was not entitled to seek the unseating of a winning candidate.

- HC upholds Vajpayee's election. *Times of India*. January 21, 2002 : 8.

Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee's reported statement about BJP winning the Assembly poll in UP even without the support of Muslims comes under sharp criticism from various political parties. Congress has "deplored" the PM's remarks saying that it has dangerous overtones.

- Cong. objects to PM's remarks. *Tribune*. February 21, 2002 : 18.

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee, on March 11, 2002 assured the Lok Sabha that the government would not permit any activity in the undisputed site on Ayodhya till the Supreme Court gave its verdict. He reiterated his government's commitment to the NDA manifesto.

- No puja till SC verdict : PM. *Tribune*. March 12, 2002 : 1, 18.
- Editorial : Back to square one. *Tribune*. March 12, 2002 : 10.

PM Atal Behari Vajpayee during his Shimla visit on March 24, 2002 said that India was willing to improve ties with Pakistan provided that country responded to the global call to end terrorism and agreed to resolve all disputes on the basis of the Shimla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration. Referring to communal violence in Gujarat, Vajpayee admitted that excesses have been committed.

Vajpayee also mentions Trans-Himalayan Development Authority, which will go a long way in protecting the ecologically fragile Himalayas, besides ensuring sustainable and speedy development of the hilly areas.

- Shimla pact sole basis for talks, says PM. *Tribune*. March 25, 2002 : 1, 13.

Prime Minister summoned Gujarat Chief Minister, Narendra Modi to Delhi to discuss the communal situation in the State on March 26, 2002.

- 2 killed in Gujarat, Modi summoned. Tribune. March 27, 2002 : 8.

Leaders of several Muslim organizations have alleged that Sh. Atal Behari Vajpayee is a "practitioner of extremist Hindutva" and that his recent "anti-Islamic statements" (made during Goa conclave) have "encouraged" the fresh outbreak of communal violence in Gujarat. Leaders of the Muslim League, the All-India Muslim Law Conference (AIMLC), the Quami Foundation and various Milli organizations criticized his statements as "not only against the Indian Muslims but against the Islamic world".

- Left Parties flay PM's stance. *Hindu*. April 14, 2002 : 8.
- Why did Vajpayee change his tune? *Hindu*. April 14, 2002 : 8.
- PM spreading hatred. Azad. *Hindu*. April 14, 2002 : 8.
- PM's remark on Muslims condemned. *Hindu*. April 14, 2002 : 6.
- NDA allies to put Vajpayee in the dock. *Times of India*. April 14, 2002 : 1.
- Muslims blame PM for Gujarat violence. *Tribune*. April 24, 2002 : 8.
- PM's remarks deplorable: Banatwala. *Hindu*. April 24, 2002 : 8.

Prime Minister Vajpayee on April 23, 2002 released India's first Human Development Report – a 300-page document prepared by the Planning Commission in New Delhi. The report holds corruption and poor governance responsible for continuing poverty, and prescribes drastic action, including constitutional amendments for speedy devolution of power and better accountability of Panchayati Raj institutions.

- Poverty due to poor governance. *Tribune*. April 24, 2002 : 1.

During his Srinagar visit on May 23, 2002, the PM stated: "We will not let Pakistan to carry on its proxy war any longer. India has accepted the challenge thrown by our neighbour and we are preparing ourselves for a decisive victory against the enemy". He described the situation on the Indo-Pak border as "serious and challenging".

Prime Minister ruled out the involvement of Pakistan in talks on the Jammu and Kashmir issue, while inviting Hurriyat for talks.

- We won't allow Pak's proxy war: Vajpayee. *Tribune.* May 24, 2002 : 1.
- PM announces Rs.6165 crore package for J&K. *Tribune.* May 24, 2002 : 1.
- PM invites Hurriyat for talks. *Tribune.* May 24, 2002 : 1.
- PM chairs Unified Command Council meeting. *Tribune.* May 24, 2002 : 6.
- Varadarajan, Siddharth. Vajpayee gives Kashmir sops but little else. *Times of India.* May 24, 2002 : 1.

Commenting on the Pakistani missile tests conducted on May 25, 2002, Vajpayee said, "We do not take these very seriously". PM writes letters to American President, Bush, Russian President, Putin, British Prime Minister, Tony Blair and French President, Jacques Chirac about the tactics of Pakistan and stating India's position. Briefs President K.R. Narayanan about the overall security scenario in the wake of the heightened Indo-Pak tension.

- Our patience running out: PM. *Times of India.* May 26, 2002 : 3.
- Sharma, S.P. Pak missile tests no threat: PM. *Tribune.* May 26, 2002 : 1, 24.

Vajpayee on May 26, 2002 asked Pakistani President to fulfil his commitment of ending cross-border terrorism as a step towards easing tension on the Indo-Pakistan border.

- Sharma, S.P. Fulfil pledge, PM tells Parvez. *Tribune.* May 27, 2002 : 1, 18.
- George briefs PM. *Tribune.* May 27, 2002 : 18.
- Yogendra, Kanwar. We should have responded after December 13 : PM. *Hindu.* May 27, 2002 : 1.

Vajpayee on May 27 had telephonic conversation with British PM, Tony Blair. Vajpayee told Blair that India's patience vis-à-vis Pakistan was running out as President of Pakistan 'Musharraf' has failed to fulfil his promise of ending cross-border terrorism. Vajpayee cuts short his visit to Manali.

- Sharma, S.P. Patience running out. PM tells Blair. *Tribune.* May 28, 2002 : 1.
- Congress does not grudge PM's holiday. *Tribune.* May 28, 2002 : 16.
- Bhatt, Jagdish. Manali happy as PM leaves. *Times of India.* May 29, 2002 : 3.

British Foreign Secretary, Jack Straw called on Vajpayee on May 29, 2002. Vajpayee had about 20-minute telephonic conversation with the Japanese

Prime Minister, Junichiro Koizumi. Koizumi urged Vajpayee to avert war with Pakistan "by all means" and exercise restraint.

- Aneja, Atul. Straw to Pak: action, not words matter. *Hindu.* May 30, 2002 : 1.
- Baruah, Amit. Avert war, Koizumi tells PM. *Hindu.* May 30, 2002 : 1.

Speaking at the Almaty summit, Vajpayee said: India is ready to discuss with Pakistan all outstanding issues including Jammu and Kashmir. He moots a doctrine of no-first use for the four declared nuclear weapon states in Asia. He reminds the assembled heads of states about Musharraf's earlier promises that were broken soon after.

- Ramachandra, Rajesh. Vajpayee. Many broken promises. *Times of India.* June 5, 2002 : 7.
- India rejects third-party mediation. *Tribune.* June 5, 2002 : 1.

India is ready for joint patrolling on the Line of Control (LOC) with Pakistan. The Summit is informed that 3000 infiltrators ready to sneak into India. India ready to consider Pak list of terrorists. Pakistan is under tremendous international pressure.

- India ready for joint patrolling on LOC: PM. *Tribune.* June 6, 2002 : 1.
- Ramachandra, Rajesh. PM for joint border patrolling. *Times of India.* June 6, 2002 : 1.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu called on Vajpayee on June 6, 2002 to discuss the candidature of country's next President. Naidu authorized PM on Presidential candidate. Vajpayee held a crucial meeting with his senior Cabinet colleagues to firm up his government stand on the current standoff with Pakistan on the eve of the visit of US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage. Among those who attended the meeting include L.K. Advani, George Fernandes, Jaswant Singh and National Security Advisor Brajesh Mishra.

- Sharma, Rajeev. Armitage visit : PM confers with colleagues. *Tribune.* June 7, 2002 : 8.
- Ramachandra, T.R. TDP authorizes PM on Presidential candidate. *Tribune.* June 7, 2002 : 1.

Vajpayee on June 12, 2002 had a 75 min. meeting with U.S. Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

- Raja Mohan, C. 'More Steps' if Pak clamps down on infiltration. *Hindu.* June 13, 2002 : 1.

"He drank heavily in his prime and still enjoys a nightly whiskey or two at 74. India's leader takes painkillers for his knees (which were replaced due to arthritis) and has trouble with his bladder, liver and his one remaining kidney. A taste for fried food and fatty sweets plays havoc with his cholesterol. He takes a three-hour snooze every afternoon on doctors' orders and is given to interminable silences indecipherable rumblings and, not infrequently, falling asleep in meetings… The frail bachelor seems shaky and lost, less an ageing sage than an ordinary old man. He forgets names… Vajpayee has undergone a sudden conversion from peacemaker to warmonger – primarily in response to political pressures… Observers say that the BJP is hoping to use Vajpayee through the next general elections, but no further." These are some of the observations of Alex Perry of the *Time* magazine about the Indian Prime Minister. Whether right or wrong, in good taste or bad taste, showing journalistic flair or deep-rooted hatred is besides the point. (Alex Perry. Asleep at the Wheel? As Indian and neighbour Pakistan put up their nukes, is an ailing and frail Vajpayee the right man to have his finger on the button? *Time*. June 17, 2002 : 14,16).

- Article on PM biased : Govt. *Hindu.* June 18, 2002 : 11.
- Time' report on PM malicious : BJP. *Tribune.* June 19, 2002 : 8.
- Editorial. Indian Slander Time. *Times of India*. June 19, 2002 : 16.
- Activists burn copies of 'Time'. *Hindu.* June 19, 2002 : 11.

Alex Perry's recent feature in the *Time* magazine, which portrayed A.B. Vajpayee as forgetful, prone to rambling, and in very poor health is the subject of this editorial. The official reaction to the report, the editorial says, was considered as bullying and intimidatory as Alex Perry's sudden summoning by FRRO for questioning would show. It was using the administrative machinery for brow beating a journalist. Perry's report would have generated much less public attention if the PMO had chosen to ignore it. If the Government felt that Mr. Perry's article had neither good taste nor accuracy, where was the need to dignify it with an immature and wholly unnecessary rebuttle. There is a need to put a firm end to the impression, which has gained grounds that, "Mr. Perry is being" plagued because of his pen.

- No time for intimidation. The *Hindu*. June 24, 2002 : 10.

Akhil Gupta from Delhi in his letter to Editor has demanded that Government of India take appropriate legal action against the *Time* magazine. M.S. Hasan from Islamabad writes that the *Time* journalist, Alex Perry, seems to be paying the price for telling the truth about Mr. Vajpayee.

- *The Hindu*. June 24, 2002 : 10.
- *Time* reporter let off. *The Hindu*. June 25, 2002 : 1.
- *Time* regrets apology after letter goof-up. *Times of India*. June 28, 2002 : 1.
- *Time* denies apologising for article. *Tribune.* June 28, 2002 : 8.

A.B. Vajpayee during a meeting of his Economic Advisory Council in New Delhi on July 13, 2002 unveiled an eight point agenda aimed at achieving the targeted growth rate of 8 percent during the 10th plan period (2002-07) and converting India into a "clear-cut market economy".

- PM's plan for 8 pc growth. *Tribune.* July 14, 2002 : 1, 20.

– Forget 6, we'll grow at 8 pc: *Times of India*. July 14, 2002 : 1.

Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice A.M. Ahmadi, criticised Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee for his "changing pattern of statements" on the Gujarat riots and on Muslims on August 10, 2002. Justice Ahmadi said that Vajpayee's remarks have "added insult to injury" to the minority community.

– PM's remarks insulting : Ahmadi. *Tribune*. August 11, 2002 : 10.

In New York PM A.B. Vajpayee will be addressing UN General Assembly on September 13. He is likely to meet US President George W. Bush on September 12.

– Vajpayee may meet Bush on Sept. 12. *Tribune*. August 22, 2002 : 16.

While addressing the UN General Assembly's current session, A.B. Vajpayee said : By no stretch of imagination can the problem of terrorism in Kashmir be seen as freedom struggle which Pakistan goes on harping at every available occasion. The PM also described developments in Gujarat as an aberration while speaking at a dinner. An editorial in the *Tribune* says : Only a mature nation and a leader with qualities of a statesman can speak in this manner.

– Jaisingh, Hari. Vajpayee unmasks Musharraf's duplicity : India determined to end cross-border terrorism. *Tribune*. September 14, 2002 : 1, 14.

– Vajpayee does the nation proud. *Tribune*. September 16, 2002 : 10.

– Musharraf has crossed threshold of lies : PM. *Hindu*. September 16, 202 : 1.

At a press conference in New York on September 15, 2002, Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee rejected converting the Line of Control as the international border with Pakistan.

– Jaisingh, Hari. Vajpayee rejects LOC as international border. *Tribune*. September 17, 2002 : 1, 16.

On September 15 in New York Vajpayee faced half a dozen youths raising slogans and waving playcards on alleged atrocities in Kashmir. "80,000 muslims have been killed in Kashmir" and "Indian occupation in Kashmir must end."

– Vajpayee faces protests in New York. *Hindu*. September 23, 2002 : 1.

A New Delhi-based International Awakening Centre has recommended the names of Prime Minister Shri Atal Behari Vajpayee, US President George Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair to Norwegian Nobel Institute for this year's Nobel Peace Prize, for their "campaign against terrorism and unprecedented contribution towards world peace.

– Spotlight : Atal proposed for Nobel. *Tribune*. October 4, 2002 : 1.

– Vajpayee asks EU to share prosperity with Third World. *Tribune*. October 10, 2002 : 1, 20.

Addressing a gathering of about 800 eminent persons of the Indian community in London, Vajpayee said, "The West finds its terrorism more serious, not ours. It has a double standard to measure terrorism."

– West has double standard on terror : PM. *Tribune*. October 14, 2002 : 1, 20.

The Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee on October 19, 2002 launched the country-wide cellular service of the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), by making a call to the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. L.K. Advani in New Delhi, from the Raj Bhavan in Lucknow.

– BSNL cell services launched : Outgoing call to cost Rs. 1.20. *Sunday Tribune*. October 20, 2002 : 1, 10.

– PM launches BSNL cellular service. *Hindu*. October 20, 2002 : 7.

Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee on October 20, 2002 cut short his visit to Lucknow because of "bad throat". He returned to Capital seven hours earlier skipping a press conference and an RSS function.

– Aron, Sunita. PM cuts short Lucknow trip to dodge dissidents. *Hindustan Times*. October 21, 2002 : 1.

– PM unwell, Cabinet meeting put off. *Hindu*. October 22, 2002 : 1.

The Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee on November 13, 2002 declared that the Government would defer, during the current financial year, recovery of crop loan including interest from farmers in the 14 drought-affected states and set up a corpus of Rs. 500 crores for modernisation of plantation sector.

– Parsai, Gargi. Rs. 500 crore corpus for plantation sector : Recovery of crop loan to be deferred : PM. *Hindu*. November 14, 2002 : 1.

Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee on December 26 launched an ambitious Rs. 15000 crore Rashtriya Rail Vikas Yojana which would strengthen the rail golden quadrilateral network connecting four metros.

– PM launches rail vikas yojana. *Tribune*. December 27, 2002 : 20.

Prime Minister A.B. Vajpayee arrived in Panaji (Goa) on December 29, 2002 accompained by family members on a four-day holiday.

– PM on holiday in Goa. *Hindu*. December 30, 2002 : 1.

– Banerjee, Sanjay. PM begins Goan holiday with fish fry. *Times of India*. December 30, 2002 : 1.

Valiathan, M.S. (Dr.)

Renowned biomedical research scholar Dr. M.S. Valiathan and telecom and IT expert Mr. Ashok Jhunjhunwala have been declared winners of the prestigious H.K. Firodia awards for Science and Technology 2002. Dr. Valiathan, the

President of Indian National Science Academy, has been awarded for his outstanding contribution in the field of life sciences. Former President Mr. R. Venkataraman will present the award on October 8, 2002.

– Firodia award for Valiathan, Jhunjhunwala. *Times of India*. September 30, 2002 : 14.

Vani, P.D.

Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) Chairman, Mr. P.D. Vani was arrested on October 7, 2002 by the Maharashtra State Anti-Corruption Bureau, on the charges of replacing the answersheets of unsuccessful candidates (examinees) after taking bribe. He was remanded to police custody till October 16, 2002.

– MPSC Chief held in exam scandal. *Hindustan Times*. October 8, 2002 : 11.

– MPSC Chairman Vani remanded till Oct. 16. *Tribune*. October 8, 2002 : 18.

Varma, Ravindra

Chairman of the second National Labour Commission, Mr. Ravindra Varma, denied on September 25, 2002 that the Commission's recent report was anti-labour. He dismissed any such criticism of his report from different quarters. He denied that the report was based on the Chinese model as also disputed the contention that the Commission has made any attempt to dilute the role of trade unions.

Vashishtha, R.K.

Mr. R.K. Vashishtha, an alumnus of IIM (Ahmedabad), took over as the Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India at Mumbai on November 28, 2002. Prior to this appointment Mr. Vashishtha was zonal manager of LIC's south-central zone in Hyderabad.

– Vashishtha takes over as LIC MD. *Hindu*. November 29, 2002 : 16.

– Biz briefs : New LIC MD. *Tribune*. November 29, 2002 : 13.

Vasudev, Aruna

French Honour. *Tribune*. June 16, 2002 : 13.

Vattikuti, Raj

Raj Vattikuti, founder and co-chairman of the Covansys Corporation and Covansys (India), is among this year's recipients of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his significant contribution to the country's multi-cultural heritage. Mr. Vattikuti was awarded the Medal of Honor for his efforts to support the values associated with American life, while still preserving the values associated with his Indian heritage.

– Covansys founder bags award. *Hindu*. June 18, 2002 : 18.

Vedanti, Joginder Singh (Giani)

Jathedar of Sri Akal Takhat, Giani Joginder Singh Vedanti, escaped unhurt when his car met with an accident at Bhawnigarh, about 22 km from Sangrur on March 15, 2002.

- Vedanti escapes unhurt in mishap. *Tribune.* March 16, 2002 : 3.

Vedapathak, Anjali

Mumbai-based shooting ace, Anjali Vedapathak is ranked World No. 1 in the women's 10m air rifle event by the International Shooting Sports Federation. The latest world rankings released by the Germany-based world shooting body has the Indian ranked first. Anjali, heading the world's top 10 in the women's air rifle is also the first of six Asians on the ISSF list. The Maharashtra Rifle Association organized a felicitation function for Anjali at the MRA Shooting Range, Worli, on June 12, 2002.

- Anjali tops 10m air rifle ranking. *Hindu.* June 14, 2002 : 19.

Veerabhadraiah, N.S. (Justice)

Justice N.S. Veerabhadraiah, Justice Chandra Shekaraiah and Justice V. Gopala Gowda of Karnataka High Court are facing serious allegations of their involvement in a sex scandal. Intelligence Bureau (IB) has confirmed their involvement in the sex scandal.

- HC judges in Delhi to plead their case. *Times of India.* December 2, 2002 : 8.
- Venkatesan, J. Panel to probe charges against Karnataka Judges. *Hindu.* December 4, 2002 : 13.
- 14 publications face contempt proceedings. *Hindu.* December 6, 2002 : 6.

Veerappan

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, J. Jayalalithaa on August 28, 2002 ruled out granting amnesty to the forest brigand, Veerappan, and asserted that the only aim was to get him dead or alive.

- Krishna, Jaya discuss Veerappan. *Times of India.* August 28, 2002 : 1.
- Prasad, K.V. We want Veerappan dead or alive. *Hindu.* August 29, 2002 : 1, 11.
- Editorial : Veerappan, the sequel. *Hindu.* August 29, 2002 : 10.
- Ramoo, S.K. Tough job on hand for S.M. Krishna. *Hindu.* August 29, 2002 : 13.
- David, Stephen. Brazen body snatch. *India Today.* 28(36) September 3-6, 2002 : 26-27.
- STF : Veerappan has been cornered. *Sunday Times of India.* September 8, 2002 : 7.
- It will be Veerappan's last crime : Advani. *Hindu.* September 3, 2002 : 1.

– Raghunathan, A.V. Veerappan's brother offers to go as emissary. *Hindu*. September 4, 2002 : 11.

– CRPF joins STF to nab Veerappan. *Times of India*. September 11, 2002 : 13.

Forest brigand Veerappan sets an eight-day deadline for Karnataka Government to depute two emissaries of his choice, namely Kolathur Mani and local leader Mahadevaswamy for negotiations, failing which he would harm JD(U) leader H.Nagappa.

– Veerappan's deadline. *Tribune*. October 8, 2002 : 8.

Forest brigand Veerappan has sent his fourth cassette to the Karnataka Govt. Former Karnataka Minister Mr. H. Nagappa's family confirmed the receipt of the casette.

– Veerappan sends 4th cassette. *Tribune*. November 4, 2002 : 22.

Forest brigand Veerappan's audio tape received by Mr. Nagappa's family on November 21, 2002 gives an ultimatum to the Karnataka Government, that unless the government sends jailed Tamil activist Kolathur Mani as an emissary within 12-days, the life of Janata Dal (U) leader Mr. H. Nagappa, held hostage for the past three months, would be in danger.

– Balu, A. Veerappan gives 12-day ultimatum. *Tribune*. November 23, 2002 ; 8.

A reward of Rs. 5 crore on the head of forest brigand Veerappan was announced by the Karnataka Government on December 31, 2002. The amount has been increased from an earlier amount of Rs. 2 crores.

– Spotlight : Rs. 5 cr. on Veerappan. *Tribune*. January 1, 2003 : 1.

– Veerappan carries Rs. 5 crore on his head. *Hindu*. January 1, 2003 : 6.

Venkaiah Naidu, M.

M. Venkaiah Naidu was on July 1, 2002 formally installed as the new BJP President at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi. He replaces Jana Krishnamurthy who has been inducted into the Government as a Cabinet Minister. Naidu indicated that the BJP would not compromise on its own party issues, and said that he would ensure a "live contact between the party and the government gives the impression of being a poor carbon copy of the Congress".

Commenting on Venkaiah Naidu's installation as BJP president and the challenges before him, an editorial in Tribune, 'BJP at the crossroads' writes: "The induction of Mr. Naidu as President of the Bhartiya Janata Party may indicate a slight improvement on his lackluster predecessor Mr. K. Jana Krishnamurthy, in public perception. But the flamboyant leader from Andhra Pradesh lacks the requisite elements to put the party on the right track. The BJP today is in a state of flux. It is oscillating between the Hindutva card and the politics of convenience. It has even cast off its swadeshi mask. This was very much apparent from its advocacy and sponsorhip of FOI in the sensitive area of the print media….. The mess-up in Gujarat, the erosion of its vote bank in Hindi heartland, the setback it suffered in the recent elections to some state assemblies and municipal corporations show the party's pitiable state…

- Vyas, Neean. Venkaiah takes charge as BJP chief. *Hindu*. July 2, 2002 : 11.
- Venkaiah takes over as BJP chief. *Tribune*. July 2, 2002 : 1,16.
- Editorial: BJP at the crossroads. *Tribune*. July 3, 2002 : 10.
- Venkaiah: BJP revamp won't be drastic. *Tribune*. July 7, 2002 : 10.
- Delhi Durbar: Riding high horse. *Tribune*. July 7, 2002 : 13.
- Venkaiah meets PM, to announce new team soon. *Hindu*. July 8, 2002 : 11.
- Venkaiah may announce new team today. *Hindu*. July 11, 2002 : 11.
- Misra, Satish. Venkaiah blends youth with experience. *Tribune*. July 12, 2002 : 1, 8.
- No surprises as Venkaiah Naidu names team. *Times of India*. July 12, 2002 : 1.

Venkat Narayan, S.

Mr. S. Venkat Narayan, South Asia bureau chief of Britain's Independent Television News (ITN) was unanimously re-elected President of the Foreign Correspondents' Club (FCC) of South Asia on March 28, 2002 for the third consecutive term. Mr. Narayan along with 13 members were elected at the annual general meeting in New Delhi on March 28, 2002.

- Foreign Correspondents' Club office bearers. *Hindu*. March 31, 2002 : 4.

Venkatalakshamma, K.

The renowned exponent of Bharatanatyam, K. Venkatalakshamma, passed away at Kadur in Karnataka on July 3, 2002. Venkatalakshamma was among the pioneers who worked to rejuvenate the art of Bharatanatyam in Karnataka in the last century. An illustrious representative of the Mysore school, she was highly respected and venerated as a guru.

- Renowned Bharatanatyam exponent dies. Hindu. July 7, 2002 : 7.

Venkataswami, K. (Justice)

A retired Supreme Court judge, Justice K. Venkataswami resigned as head of the Tehelka Inquiry Commission and Chairman of the Authority on Advance Ruling on Customs and Excise on November 23, 2002. His resignation follows strong protest by the Opposition parties led by Congress in the Parliament on November 22, 2002. The Opposition had taken strong exception to Justice Venkataswami's acceptance of a government job when he was probing the Tehelka expose into fictitious defence deals.

- Walkout in Rajya Sabha : Opposition raises storm over new job for Venkataswami. *Hindu*. November 23, 2002 : 1.

- Tehelka panel chief Venkataswami quits. *Tribune*. November 24, 2002 : 1.
- Judge quits Tehelka, tax panels. *Hindustan Times*. November 24, 2002 : 1.
- Editorial : Tehelka after shocks. *Tribune*. November 25, 2002 : 10.
- Editorial : An error of judgement. *Hindu*. November 25, 2002 : 10.

The Central Government on November 24, 2002 accepted the resignation of Justice K. Venkataswami as chairman of the Tehelka panel as also chairman of the Authority on Advance Ruling in Customs and Excise department.

- News Digest : Resignation accepted. *Times of India*. November 25, 2002 : 1, 5.
- Venkatesan, J. No impropriety : Venkataswami. *Hindu*. November 26, 2002 : 1, 11.
- Panel draft report 'almost' ready. *Hindu*. November 26, 2002 : 11.
- I took my wife's advice : Venkataswami. *Indian Express*. November 26, 2002 : 6.
- Editorial : Protect the probe–The Venkataswami imbroglio must not make us lose sight of the real issues. *Indian Express*. November 26, 2002 : 8.

Venkatesan, M.T.

Mr. M.T. Venkatesan, a bilateral polio victim has been awarded the Lalchand Milapchand Award for outstanding achievement as a physically challenged person. The award was presented by Mr. P.S. Ramamohan Rao, Governor of Tamil Nadu at Chennai on July 26, 2002. The award carries a shield, citation and cash prize of Rs. 50,000. Venkatesan was selected for his outstanding achievement in sports, service to society in general and physically challenged community in particular.

- Award for physically challenged. *Tribune*. July 30, 2002 : 11.

Verma, Bahadur Singh

Bahadur Singh Verma, a farmer from Solan district in Himachal Pradesh has been honoured with Jagjivan Ram Kisan Puraskar, 2001. The award has been instituted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Verma has been awarded for his outstanding contributions in innovative farming practices. The award carries a cash prize of Rs. one lakh.

- Solan farmer wins ICAR award. Tribune. July 19, 2002 : 15.

Mr. Bahadur Singh Verma, a farmer from Solan has won the Rs. 1 lakh Jajivan Ram Kisan Puraskar. The ICAR award was presented to him by Union Agriculture Minister Ajit Singh. He becomes the first Himachali recipient of the prestigious award. Verma has been instrumental in bringing the Saproon valley on the world map by outstanding cultivation of off-season vegetables and stone fruits.

- A farmer par excellence. *Tribune*. August 10, 2002 : 3.

Verma, J.S.

The Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Mr. J.S. Verma, said on December 3, 2002, that a humane governance was a must in the country if people were to be empowered to participate in democracy and effectively monitor the functioning of the various institutions of the State to keep them on an even keel.

– Call for humane governance. *Hindu*. December 4, 2002 : 11.

Verma, Laxmikant

Noted freedom fighter and eminent Hindi litterateur, poet, critic and socialist thinker, Mr. Laxmi Kant Verma (80) passed away in Allahabad on October 17, 2002. Born in Basti district of Uttar Pradesh in 1922, Mr. Verma took active part in the country's freedom movement.

– Hindi litterateur Laxmi Kant dead. *Tribune*. October 18, 2002 : 8.

Verma, R.A.

Anti-corruption branch of CBI, on June 11, 2002, raided the premises of R.A. Verma, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Jaipur and recovered a total of Rs.22 lakh and the keys of five luxury cars from his possession.

– Nationwide CBI raids on govt. officials. *Tribune*. June 12, 2002 : 1,12.

Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, Jaipur, Ram Avtar Verma was arrested by CBI on June 12, 2002 on the charge of possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Verma is an Indian Revenue Service officer of 1985 batch. Verma was reportedly found in possession of property worth more than Rs.1.5 crore, including a fully air-conditioned and furnished large farmhouse on the Jaipur-Sikar road, two flats in Jaipur and one in Ahmedabad, five luxury cars, and had six dogs for whom he had air-conditioned kennels.

– CB I recovers crores in raids. *Tribune*. June 13, 2002 : 1, 8.

Verma, Ram Kumar

Mr. Ram Kumar Verma, former Cabinet Minister in the UP's Rajnath Singh government and a senior BJP leader was arrested by the police on August 9 in connection with the murder of a senior lawyer, Mr. I.D. Singh in Lucknow.

– BJP ex-minister held for killing lawyer. *Tribune*. August 10, 2002 : 8.

Verma, S.B. (Prof.)

Mr. Satya Bhushan Verma, Professor Emeritus at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi is the recipient of the prestigious Masaoka Shiki International Haiku Award for 2002. The award is given by the Ehime Cultural Foundation of Japan and carries with it a citation, a cash prize of one million yen (approximately $ 8300). The award is conferred on people who have made the most remarkable contribution to the development of awareness about the creativity of Haiku, irrespective of nationality or language. Prof. Verma has the distinction of being the first professor of the Japanese language and literature in India.

– Rare award for Delhi professor. *Tribune*. November 25, 2002 : 13.

Vij, Kapil (Lt. Gen.)

Issue of Lt. Gen. Kapil Vij allowing his troops to move too close to the IB was reviewed by the PMO on Powell's insistence. The PMO then took decision to immediately move him from the sector and it was conveyed to the COAS, Gen. S. Padmanabhan to be implemented.

The laboured MoD rejoinder stated : "Reports on change of Command of the 2 Corps, as appearing in a section of media, are speculative and totally incorrect. Lt-Gen Kapil Vij, a professionally competent officer, who enjoys the complete confidence of his superiors, was given the prestigious command of the elite 2 Corps and having completed the normal command tenure was due for the next tenure. Lt-Gen B S Thakur was already earmarked to take over the command of 2 Corps after the turn over of Lt-Gen Kapil Vij as per normal practice."

The denial further said "Lt-Gen Kapil Vij requested for annual leave due to pressing personal reasons. In view of the prevailing security environment, it was not desirable to keep the formation with the GOC and therefore Lt. Gen B S Thakur was moved on attachment to HQ 2 Crops, pending formal approval of his posting from the Ministry of Defence. Speculations that the General Officer was shifted due to external pressure or directions of the PMO are totally baseless."

– Orders came from PMO : Gen Vij moved after Powell took up issue. *Tribune*. January 22, 2002 : 1.

– Gen Vij on 'annual leave'. *Tribune*. January 23, 2002 : 16.

– Vij transferred says Fernandes. *Tribune*. January 24, 2002 : 1.

– USA not responsible for shifting of Vij, say Blackwill. *Tribune*. January 25, 2002 : 8.

Vij, N.C. (Lt. Gen.)

Lieut-Gen N.C. Vij, Vice-Chief of Army Staff, on January 28 took over as the 10th Colonel of Dogra Regiment and Dogra Socuts from Lieut-Gen Surjit Singh, GOC-in-C, Western Command.

An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Lieutenant-General Vij was commissioned in Dogra Regiment on December 11, 1962. He is a graduate of Defence Services Staff College and has attended prestigious defence courses during his career spanning over 40 years. He was the Director-General (Military Operations) during the Kargil conflict and was Army Commander, Southern Command, before taking over as the Vice-Chief of Army Staff.

- Gen Vij is Col of Dogra Regiment. *Tribune*. January 29, 2002 : 3.

Vice-Chief of the Army Staff, Lt. Gen. N.C. Vij will be the new Chief of Army Staff. He will replace Gen. S. Padmanabhan who demits office on December 31, 2002. Announcement to this effect was made by the government on October 31, 2002. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Lt. Gen. Vij has a string of decorations to his credit including Uttam Yudh Seva Medal for Kargil operations, Param Vishist Seva Medal for distinguished service of the highest order in 1999 and Ati Vishist Seva Medal in 1997. He has the rare distinction of having commanded an anti-surgency unit as well as a strike corps.

- Vij is new Army Chief. *Tribune*. November 1, 2002 : 1, 17.
- Digest : Vij, next Army Chief. *Hindu*. November 1, 2002 : 1, 13.

Vijay Anand

Vijay Anand, Chairman of the Censor Board of Film Certification (CBFC) quiks his post following differences with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B). The I&B ministry refused him permission to refer a proposal calling for the exhibition of X-rated films in certain theatres to a six-member committee of the CBFC. The Ministry released to the press a letter written to the CBFC Chairman, Vijay Anand, turning down a suggestion of legalizing the exhibition of soft pornographic films with a new classification of 'XA' that was received by the Board while reviewing the existing Cinematographic Act 1952.

- Vijay Anand quits as CBFC Chief. *Hindu*. July 21, 2002 : 11.
- In Brief : I quit due to interference. *Tribune*. July 21, 2002 : 10.
- Editorial : Vijay Anand, censored! *Tribune*. July 24, 2002 : 10.
- Editorial : Sense & Censorship. *Times of India*. July 26, 2002 : 16.
- Wallia, Kaajal. Vijay Anand does porn films a favour. *Times of India*. July 26, 2002 : 7.

Vijaya Kumari, Ganti

The Telugu Desham Party candidate and widow of former Lok Sabha Speaker G. Vijaya Kumari has won the Amalapuram Lok Sabha by-election by a record margin of 3,13,660 votes. The by-election was caused by the death of the then Lok Sabha Speaker, G.M.C. Balayogi, in a helicopter crash. After the declaration of poll result, Ms. Vijaya Kumari told media persons that she would strive to complete all development projects initiated by her husband.

- Landslide win for TDP candidates. *Hindu*. June 3, 2002 : 6.

Vinay Kumar

India's Vinay Kumar, became fifth Indian to win the Royal Challenge sponsored 39th Indian Open Golf in New Delhi on March 17, 2002. He picked up the biggest prize of $ 50,000.

– Vinay Kumar wins Indian Open. *Tribune*. March 18, 2002 : 18.

Virbhadra Singh

HP Education Minister Ishwar Dass Dhiman on January 27 demanded a public apology from the former CM Virbhadra Singh for March 5, 1998 incidents in Shimla. The same was asked by CM P.K. Dhumal earlier. Mr. Virbhadra Singh, however, hit back on HP Chief Minister Dhumal, by announcing that there was no question of his or anyone in the Congress party apologising for their indictment by the Kainthla Commission. He further added that whereas we were demanding an inquiry by a sitting Judge of the High Court, Mr. Dhumal hand-picked Mr. Kainthla, a retired session judge for this assignment.

– Virbhadra should tender apology : CM. *Tribune*. January 25, 2002 : 1, 20.

– Kainthla Commission biased : Virbhadra. *Tribune*. January 28, 2002 : 13.

An FIR against former Himachal CM and the Leader of Opposition and seven other Congress leaders was registered in Shimla on August 18 in connection with the alleged abduction and illegal confinement of Mr. Ramesh Dhawala, Irrigation and Public Health Minister on March 5, 1998 on the basis of Kainthla Commission Report.

– Virbhadra Singh, Five MLAs booked. *Tribune*. August 19, 2002 : 1.

Former HP Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh said on August 26 in Shimla that neither he nor other Congress leaders implicated in the FIR lodged against them on the basis of the Kainthla Commission Report would seek anticipatory bail from the courts. He added : "It is a political case and we will treat it as such and fight it politically.

– Virbhadra says he will not seek bail. *Times of India*. August 27, 2002 : 3.

Himachal Pradesh Governor Mr. Suraj Bhan granted sanction for prosecution of former Chief Minister and the Leader of Congress Legislature Party in Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Virbhadra Singh. The case pertains to alleged favours shown by Mr. Virbhadra Singh in allocation of Khair wood quota to a firm, days before demiting office in March 1998. The Vigilance Department had sought the governor's sanction.

– Lohumi, Rakesh. Himachal Governor's nod to prosecute Virbhadra. *Tribune*. October 19, 2002 : 1.

– HP Governor gives nod for prosecution of Virbhadra. *Times of India*. October 19, 2002 : 1.

Virender Singh (Capt.)

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on May 23, 2002 carried out massive raids at the residential, office and business premises of the Director-General of National Academy of Customs, Excise and Narcotics, Capt. Virender Singh and his family members. A case has been registered against him for amassing assets disproportionate to his income.

According to a statement issued by the CBI "the immovable assets acquired by Singh and his family members include a house in posh Defence Colony in South Delhi, a shop in Connaught Place, two shops-cum-flats in Gurgaon, four shops in Naraina and three booths in Gurgaon."

– Senior Customs officer in CBI net. *Tribune*. May 24, 2002 : 8.

– Senior Customs official booked. *Hindu*. May 25, 2002 : 3.

Vishnoi, Parasram

Parasram Bishnoi, son of the former Rajasthan minister for public health engineering, Ram Singh Bishnoi continues to abscond and evade the police. The Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) and Customs have joined hands and launched a joint campaign to arrest Parasram, for his alleged involvement in manufacturing narcotic drugs at his cement factory in Bilara in Jodhpur district.

– Hunt is on for ex-minister's son. *Times of India*. May 11, 2002 : 13.

Officials of the Central Excise and Customs Department on June 15, 2002 raided the house of Parasram Vishnoi in Bilara. Notices were pasted in public places in an effort to arrest Parasram who is absconding.

– Raid at house of ex-minister's son. *Tribune*. June 17, 2002 : 8.

Vishnoi, Ram Singh

The Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on April 25, 2002, accepted Rajasthan's Public Health Engineering Department Minister Ram Singh Vishnoi's resignation. His resignation was pending with the CM since April 13, 2002. Resignation drama started after April 11, 2002 when Customs and Central Excise authorities raided the premises of a closed cement factory in Jodhpur's Bilara tehsil, owned by the Minister's son, Parasram Vishnoi. The raid unearthed raw material as well as equipment used in the manufacture of drugs. Later a huge consignment of sedative tablets (Mandrax) was seized from Vasi in Mumbai. Investigative authorities traced back the source of tablets worth Rs.4 crores to the closed cement factory of Parasram Vishnoi, after eliciting confessions from three arrested persons. Minister's son Parasram Vishnoi is absconding.

– Drug Scam: Gehlot accepts Minister's resignation. *Hindu*. April 26, 2002 : 5.

– Bilara drugs traced to Mumbai. *Hindu*. April 26, 2002 : 5.

Viswanathan, R.

Mr. R. Viswanathan, Group Industrial Relations Director, Simpson and Co. has been elected President of the Employers' Federation of Southern India, for 2002-03.

– EFSI new President. *Hindu*. July 5, 2002 : 16.

Vittal, N.

Central Vigilence Commissioner, N. Vittal releases a SCOPE book : *Vigilance Management in Public Sector Enterprises –Role and Functions of CVC*, in New Delhi on August 27, 2002.

– Book on PSU vigilance. *Times of India*. August 27, 2002 : 8.

Vohra, V.J.S. (Dr.)

Chairman and Managing Director of Nevedac Prosthetic Centre, Zirakpur (Punjab), Dr. V.J.S. Vohra has been appointed Honorary, Prosthetic Advisor to Punjab Government. He will advise the government on all matters concerning supply and fitting of prosthetic aids and rehabilitation of the physically challenged persons.

– Dr. Vohra Prosthetic Adviser to Punjab. *Tribune*. September 21, 2002 : 3.

Vyas, V.S. (Dr.)

Eminent economist and chairperson of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) V.S. Vyas, has been nominated as a member of the "think tank" appointed by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry for consultations over issues for negotiations on the WTO Agreement on Agriculture. Besides Dr. Vyas, the seven other members of the "think tank" are R.J. Chelliah, A. Vaidyanathan, Kirit Parekh, R.S. Deshpande, S. Narayanan, V.R. Panchamukhi and Ashok Guha.

– Economist in expert's panel. *Hindu*. June 7, 2002 : 9.

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Yadav, Akhilesh

Akhilesh Yadav, son of Samajwadi Party Chief, Mulayam Singh Yadav, was unanimously chosen as the Chief of the Party's National Youth Wing at Bhopal on August 4, 2002 after Party's national convention.

Yadav, B.L. (Justice)

Justice, B.L. Yadav, Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Castes died on March 24, 2002 in Allahabad. A legal luminary, Justice Yadav rendered valuable service in the field of Judiciary in different capacities, and made important contributions to enrich the science of jurisprudence.

– President condoles the Justice Yadav's death. *Tribune*. March 26, 2002 : 8.

Justice B.L. Yadav (68) the Chairman of National Commission for Backward Castes, died in Allahabad on March 24, 2002 following a cardiac arrest. Mr. Yadav was appointed Chairman of the National Commission for Backward Castes in April 2000. He was a noted legal luminary and had served with distinction as judge of the Allahabad and Patna High Courts.

– B.L. Yadav dead. *Hindu*. March 26, 2002 : 9.

Yadav, Dharamvir Singh (Dr.)

Former Haryana Minister, Dharamvir Singh Yadav has been arrested on Sept. 11, 2002 by the State's Vigilance Bureau. He was wanted in a corruption case. According to the spokesman of the Hayana State Vigilance Bureau, case against Dr. Dharamvir was registered following a vigilance enquiry in which allegations of criminal breach of trust, cheating, forgery and misuse of power as a Minister and misappropriation of Rs. 79.49 lakh had been "proved".

– Ex-minister arrested. *Hindu*. September 12, 2002 : 5.

– Former Haryana minister held. *Tribune*. September 12, 2002 : 6.

– Ex-minister in custody for cheating. *Hindustan Times*. September 13, 2002 : 5.

– Minister sent to judicial custody. *Sunday Tribune*. September 22, 2002 : 6.

Yadav, Hemlata

Former Bihar MLA and RJD leader, Hemlata Yadav and her son Mrityunjay have been pronounced guilty by a Patna Court on February 26, 2002 in the sensational rape case of Champa Biswas, wife of a senior IAS officer.

– In brief : Ex-MLA convicted in rape case. *Tribune*. February 28, 2002 : 8.

Yadav, Jagadambi Prasad

Bhartiya Janata Party MP from Jharkhand and former Union Minister of State Jagadambi Prasad Yadav (78) died of multi-organ failure in a city hospital in Coimbatore on June 20, 2002. He was the convenor of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Official Languages. He is survived by three sons and five daughters.

– Jagadambi Prasad dead. *Tribune*. June 21, 2002 : 10.

Yadav, Laloo Prasad

RJD President Laloo Prasad Yadav was on January 23 released from high-security Beur jail, Patna after 59 days of incarceration in connection with fodder scam cases.

Mr. Yadav was granted bail in one of the cases relating to the fodder scam by the Supreme Court on Monday. The case relates to the fraudulent withdrawal of over Rs. 37 crore from the Chaibasa treasury (now in Jharkhand).

– SC grants bail to Laloo, Mishra. *Tribune*. January 22, 2002 : 6.

– Laloo released. *Tribune*. January 24, 2002 : 1.

There was a vulgar display of wealth at the marriage of Laloo Yadav's daughter Rohini Acharya on May 24 night. Santosh Jha for the *Tribune* says… "Laloo Yadav and his men milked the traders and took the cream of the government assets and machinery to make the event a notoriously memorable one." He further adds: "The Bollywood stars, political VIPs, judges and almost all important officials and cops of the State witnessed the marriage that silenced all democratic values, all pretensions of law, and almost all sense of sanity."

– Jha, Santosh. Display of wealth – Laloo style. *Tribune*. May 25, 2002 : 1.

Why should Mr. Laloo Yadav be made to explain the source of his wealth? What the Rajas and Maharajas of yore accumulated over centuries of just and unjust rule, the Laloo *sammpan* and *sammpuran* parivar has managed in a shade over 10 years of undiluted misrule.

– Importance of being Laloo. *Tribune*. May 25, 2002 : 10.

The *Hindu* in its news item "Cars 'borrowed' for VIP wedding writes: "… a group of musclemen took away the Santro, Indica, Alto, Wagon R and Matiz cars from their show rooms for the transportation of VIP guests… Truckload of furniture, borrowed, form dealers were taken to accommodate guests in decorated pandals, confectioners and grocers have also met the same fate."

– Cars 'borrowed' for VIP wedding. *Hindu*. May 25, 2002 : 13.

Opposition leader in Bihar Assembly, S.K. Modi alleged on May 27, 2002 that around Rs.5 crores had been spent on the wedding of Laloo's daughter Rohini Acharya and sought probe by CBI as also Income Tax deptt.

- CBI probe sought. *Hindu*. May 28, 2002 : 13.
- Probe Laloo's show of wealth: BJP. *Tribune*. May 29, 2002 : 7.
- No IT notice to Laloo on marriage expenses. *Times of India*. May 29, 2002 : 6.

Commenting on the lavish display of wealth on the marriage of Laloo-Rabri Yadav's second daughter Rohini Acharya, Santosh Jha writes in *Tribune*, "The theatre of absurd continues to play in Laloo's Bihar. The richest set ever erected in the history of the State, perhaps even the country, was for Laloo's daughter's wedding in Patna on May 23. The jaimala stage was reportedly worth over Rs. one crore and the guests could choose from 150 items on the menu. The wedding cost the State over Rs.100 crore. Officially, the State has no money to pay staff salaries."... "A chief minister's daughter becomes the daughter of the State and that is why the entire administration and wealth of the government and public is mobilized at will or by force to be placed at the disposal of the powers that be. Crores are spent and the source of money is said to be 'contributions from public and well-wishers"... "politicians went about terrorizing traders to part with their goods for the marriage ceremonies. Laloo Yadav loves to term this as contribution from well-wishers."

"Around 100 brand new cars – Tata Sumos, Indicas, Tata Safaris, Marutis, Hyundais, Maitizs, Palios, etc. – were lined up at the airport to transport guests. The sofas used in the marriage were 'forcibly' taken from furniture makers in the Nala Road locality of Patna." "The ministers and legislators had their tasks assigned. A minister was incharge of new cars. Another looked after the electricity arrangements. Food preparation was assigned to yet another minister. Ministers, MLAs and top officials competed with each other to show the 'boss' that they were doing their best job."

- Jha, Santosh. The depth of opulence. Spectrum: *Sunday Tribune*. June 2, 2002 : 1.
- Ahmed, Farzand. Married by the mob. *India Today*. June 4-10, 2002 : 44, 45.

The 'Laloo Vichar Kendra' has decided to celebrate its mentor's (Laloo) birthday in a grand manner with a cake weighing 59 pounds to commemorate his 59th birthday falling on June 11, 2002. Organisers of the function plan to distribute cake and sweets among the poor on the occasion besides holding an essay competition on 'Laloo Prasad Yadav – Samajik Nyay Ke Messiah (Champion of Social Justice).

- Special cake for Laloo's birthday. *Hindu*. June 7, 2002 : 9.
- People flock to greet Laloo on birthday. *Times of India*. June 13, 2002 : 7.

Yadav, Mulayam Singh

A Lucknow Court has issued summons to the Samajwadi leader, Mulayam Singh Yadav, and bailable warrants against five persons in a case pertaining to the alleged roughing up of the then BSP Vice-President, Mayawati in 1995. The accused had allegedly roughed up and mobbed Ms. Mayawati after her party had withdrawn support to the then BSP-SP Government led by Mulayam Singh Yadav.

– Summons to Mulayam. *Hindu*. June 17, 2002 : 13.

– Summons to Mulayam in Mayawati case. *Tribune*. June 17, 2002 : 12.

Yadav, Parmanand

Vice-Chief of Rashtriya Krantikari Dal and a close associate of Rajya Sabha member D.P. Yadav, Parmanand Yadav was shot dead on May 27, 2002 in Ghaziabad (U.P.) by unidentified assailants. Parmanand had substantial interests in real estate and the liquor business and police is trying to ascertain any 'dispute' angle into his killing.

Yadav was reportedly involved in 48 serious cases, including six murders, 11 attempts to murder and several armed robberies.

– D.P. Yadav's aide shot. *Times of India*. May 29, 2002 : 9.

Yadav, Rajballabh

A self-styled area commander of the outlawed People's War was arrested by Police at Patna alongwith his associates on Sept. 24.

– PW Commander arrested. *Hindu*. September 25, 2002 : 3.

Yadav, Rajendra Prasad

Babloo Yadav, son of the Bihar Minister of State for Industries Mr. Rajendra Prasad Yadav, ran amok and fired during a function, killing a 14-year old boy and injuring another person in Madhepura on April 23, 2002.

Babloo allegedly in an inebriated condition suddenly fired several rounds while a dancer was performing at an orchestra party.

– Minister's son runs amok, shoots boy. *Tribune*. April 24, 2002 : 8.

Yadav, Rajvallabh

Minister of State for Labour in Bihar, Rajvallabh Yadav has been named as an accused in an FIR on the murder of a block chief. FIR has been registered at the Warsaliganj police station in Nawada district on the murder of Warsaliganj block chief, Udai Shankar Singh, on April 16, 2002.

– Minister accused in murder case. *Tribune*. April 18, 2002 : 8.

Yadav, Suresh (Subedar)

Subedar Suresh Yadav, a commando with the National Security Guards laid down his life in the commando operation to flush out terrorists from

Akshardham at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on September 24, 2002. He hailed from Khatan Kheda village in Alwar district in Rajasthan.

- Package for NSG commando family. *Tribune*. September 27, 2002 : 8.
- Bitta gives Rs. 1 lakh to commando kin. *Tribune*. October 1, 2002 : 16.

Yadav, Vikas

Vikas Yadav, son of parliamentarian Mr. D.P. Yadav, was arrested by the Madhya Pradesh police on February 22, 2002. He was arrested for the alleged kidnapping and murder of Mr. Nitish Katara, son of a senior bureaucrat following which a nationwide hunt was launched for him.

- Murder suspect Vikas Yadav held. *Sunday Tribune*. February 24, 2002 : 24.

Yunus, Mohammad (Dr)

Dr Mohd. Yunus, a noted wheat breader and the head of wheat section of plant breading of the Haryana Agricultural University, died after a protracted illness. He was 57. Suffering from cardiac ailment, he breathed his last at AIIMS in New Delhi on October 9.

Born on December 30, 1944 in Sirsali Kalan Village of Saharnpur district, Dr Yunus joined HAU as research assistant in 1966. During the past 36 years, he developed and released 12 wheat varieties for different agro-climatic conditions.

- Leading scientist Yunus dead. *Times of India*. October 11, 2002 : 6.

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Zahed, M.S.

M.S. Zahed took over as Chairman and Managing Director of Public sector HMT on July 4, 2002. He succeeds Mr. R.A. Sharma. Mr. Zahed was on the board of HMT as director, organization and management. He joined HMT in 1970 and had held important positions such as director, marketing policy, corporate planning and projects of HMT and executive director HMT (international)

– Zahed takes over as HMT CMD. *Hindu*. July 5, 2002 : 16.

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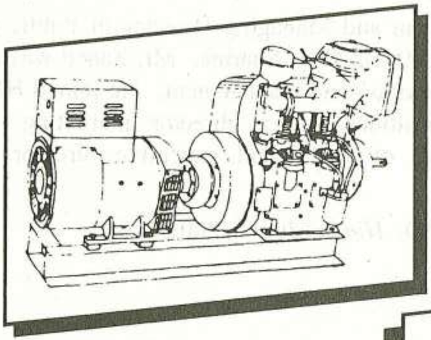

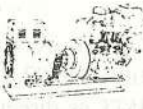

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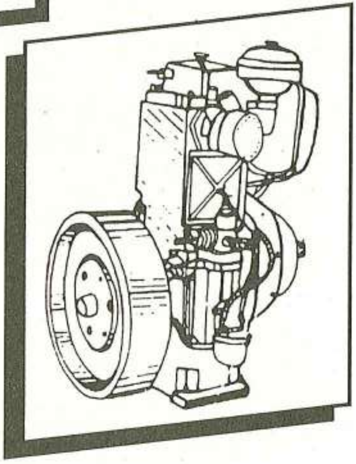

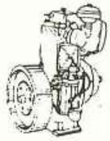

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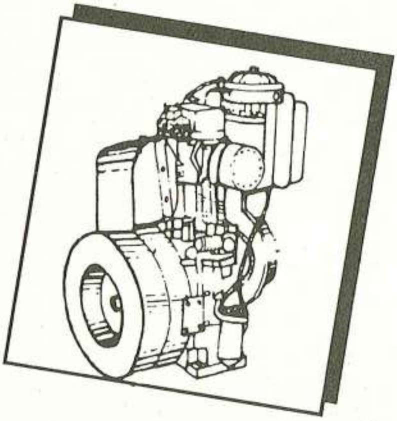

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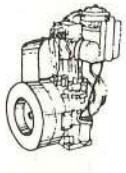

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Tiwana, Dalip Kaur (Dr). Won Saraswati Samman, 2001 for her *Katha Kaho Urvashi.*

25 **Gianchand.** Removed from Uttaranchal Council of Ministers.
26 **Harcharan Singh. Lt. Gen.** Awarded Param Vashisht Seva Medal.
Mahindra, Keshub. Awarded Padma Bhushan Award.
27 **Bachi, Gurcharan Singh.** Removed from SAD Party.
Kaura, Jagmohan. Joins Congress Party from BJP.
Mascarenhas, Mark. Died of road accident at Kharbi near Nagpur.
Narayanamurthy, N.R. Among the World's top 25 businessmen.
Singh, Virbhadra. His apology demanded for March 5, 1998 incidents in Shimla.
Sitara Devi. Declined to accept Padma Bhushan Award.
28 **Mishra, Jagannath.** Granted bail in the multi-crore rupees fodder scam.
Sehwag, Virendra. Achieved his hurricane knock of 82 which demolished England.
Sharma, Rakesh. Won title of Mr. Punjab 2002.
29 **Vij, N.C. (Lt. Gen.).** Appointed Colonel of Dogra Regiment.
Grewal, Serla. Died in Chandigarh.
Khan, Shah Rukh. A museum housing his memorabilia was opened in Kolkata.
Ravi Shankar (Pt.). Won Grammy Award.
30 **Bhagwati, P.N.** Appointed Chancellor of LBS Sanskrit Vidyapeeth.
Gill, K.P.S. Elected President of the Indian Hockey Federation.
Nigam, Rakesh. Lie nailed in Tehelka case.
31 **Biswas, S.N.** Appointed Chief Secretary of Bihar State.
Patkar, Medha. Invited to the World Social Forum.
Prabhat Kumar. Resigned as Governor of Jharkhand.

February

1 **Bloeria, Sudhir S. (Dr)** Appointed Chief Secretary of J&K State.
Gill, Tejinder Jit Singh (Lt. Gen.) Appointed D-G Ordnance Services.
Hembram, Mahendra. Admitted having torched Staine's vehicle.
Kundra, A.K. (Dr) Appointed Mines Secretary, GOI.
2 **Kapadia, Bankim.** House raided for assets disprorportionate to his known income.
4 **Amarinder Singh, Captain.** Charged for defamation by Sukhbir Badal.
Bhagwan Dada. Died in Mumbai at 89.
6 **Hasnain, E. Seyed (Dr)** Won the 11th G.D. Birla Award.
Kahlon, Kiranjit Singh (Dr) Won Best Engg College Teacher Award 2001.
Sher Singh, T. Honoured with order of Canada.
7 **Menon, Sankarankutty.** Died at Oorakam at 93.
Parthsarthi, Lakshmi. Died in Dehradun at 67.
Pathak, R.S. (Justice). Appointed President of the Tribune Trust.
Shann. Declared the 'Favourite Indian Artiste-pop'.
8 **Sood, Kuldeep Chand.** Sworn in Additional Judge of H.P. High Court.
9 **Jain. J.K.** Removed on Election Commission's directions.
Rajaram. Designed an anti-collision device for trains.
Suroor, Al Ahmad (Prof.) Died in New Delhi at 91.
10 **Pilot, Sachin.** Joined Congress Party in Jaipur.
Ansari, Aftab. Arrested. UAE deported and CBI got him.
Kapoor, Mahendra. Won Lata Mangeshkar Award.

12 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Replaced Michael Beran as the no. 1.

13 **Dharam Vir.** Elected President of Indian Yoga Federation.

Garg, Satish Chandra. Covicted under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Kelkar, Ram. Died in Mumbai at 74.

Mooshahary, Ranjit Shekhar. Appointed NSG Chief.

Tata, Ratan. Took charge of VSNL after payment of Rs. 1,439 crore.

14 **Laxman, R.K.** Honoured for his lifetime achievement in Bangalore.

Mukherjee, Madhabi. Resigned from Politics.

15 **Kishen Maharaj (Pt.)** Honoured with Ustad Inayat Khan Memorial Award.

17 **Mukherjee, Anil.** Died of cancer at 72.

18 **Khan, Abdul Karim.** Died in Mumbai at 90.

Paul, Swraj (Lord). Unveiled his bust in UK Zoo.

Thete, Ramesh. Arrested while taking a bribe of Rs. one lakh.

19 **Azmi, Kaifi.** Elected fellow of the Sahitya Akademi.

Mehta, Arun. Died in Mumbai at 68.

20 **Dhillon, Poonam.** Joins Congress Party.

Jain, J.K. Granted interim bail by Delhi Court.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Criticised for his remarks about BJP winning poll in UP even without the support of Muslims.

21 **Bajpai, G.N.** Appointed SEBI Chief.

Chandra, Jag Parvesh. Died in Delhi at 88 of heart attack.

22 **Chuni Lal (Choudhary).** Died in Jammu following heart attack.

Prasad, Yogendra. Elected President of the Central Board of Irrigation and Power.

Yadav, Vikas. Arrested for alleged kidnapping and murdering Nitish Katara.

23 **Dora, H.J.** Appointed D-G CISF.

24 **Goswami, Indira.** Won the 36th Bhartiya Jnanpith Award for literature.

Scindia, Jyotiraditya. Won by-election of Guna Lok Sabha Seat.

25 **Amarnathan, L.C.** Appointed D-G of the Bureau for Police R & D.

Jayalalitha, J. Elected from Andipatti Assembly seat.

26 **Jaitley, Jaya.** Filed defamation case against *Tehelka*.

Yadav, Hemlata. Covicted in a rape case along with her son.

27 **Amarinder Singh, Captain.** Sworn in Chief Minister of Punjab.

28 **Menon, Yusuf Abdul Razak.** Granted bail on health grounds.

Manlekhi, Bachi Ram. Died at Almora at 89.

March

1 **Aadhokshjanand Teerth (Jagadguru).** Demands ban on VHP.

Acharya, Krishan Kumar. Appointed Judge of the Rajasthan High Court.

Bansal, Fateh Chand. Appointed as an additional judge of the Rajasthan High Court.

Bhatnagar, P.S. Appointed as Chairman of Public Grievances Commission.

Harbhagwan, Singh. Appointed Punjab Advocate-General.

Mohanty, Pradeep Kumar. Appointed Additional Judge of Orissa HC.

Ramasundram, Archana. Appointed Joint Director of CBI.

Thapiyal, R.K. Appointed Chief General Manager of SBI.

2 **D'Souza, Cedric.** Removed as coach of Indian Hockey Team.

Jayalalitha, J. Sworn in as CM of Tamilnadu.

Premji, Azim. Achieved 41st position in the '*Forbes*' list and the top one among five Indians there.

Tiwari, N.D. Sworn in as the 3rd CM of Uttaranchal.

3 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** Blames RIL for SAD-BJP defeat.

Balayogi, G.M.C. Died in copter crash at Kovvadalanka village in A.P.

5 **Davar, Kamal (Lt. Gen.).** Appointed DG of Defence Intelligence Agency and DCIDS (Intelligence).

Narlikar, Amrita. Won Hodson Memorial Prize.

6 **Ahmed, M. Rafeeque.** Elected President of FIEO.

Ahmed, Mansoor. Shot dead in front of U.P. Raj Bhavan.

Roy, Arundhati. Sentenced to a one-day imprisonment for contempt of court.

7 **Mahindra, Keshub.** Declined to accept Padma Bhushan in view of protests.

Pratyusha. AP Government agreed to CBI probe into her death.

Saha, Kripa Sindhu. Elected Deputy Speaker of W.B. Assembly.

Tripathi, Ram Manohar (Dr) Died in Mumbai at 69.

8 **Chundawat, Laxi Kumari.** Awarded Honorary doctorate degree by KOU.

Indira Nath (Prof.). Won Unesco/L'Oreal award.

Sangma, P.A. Resigned from Statute panel.

11 **Singhal, B.P.** May face action by BJP for asking resignation of PM.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Assured Lok Sabha of no *puja* till SC verdict.

13 **Sekhon, Manjit Singh, Air Marshal.** Removed as Southern Command AOC-in-C.

14 **Paramhans, Ramchander Das.** Threatened to end his life.

15 **Bhangu, G.S.** Appointed Chief Coach by the Indian Women Hockey Federation.

Buta Singh. Acquitted in the JMM MPs bribery case.

Narsimha Rao, P.V. Acquitted by Delhi HC in JMM MPs bribery case.

Vedanti, Joginder Singh (Giani). Escapes unhurt in a road accident at Bhawanigarh near Sangrur (Pb.)

16 **Agashe, Mohan.** Resigns Director of FTII, Pune.

Gupta, Abhinn Shyam. Lost $ 1000 French Open Badminton International Championships.

Jasraj (Pandit). Awarded Saraswati award in Nasik.

Sethia, Kanhaiya Lal. Won Prithvi Raj Rathore Award.

Swarnavenkatesa Deekshithar, V.V. Died in Chennai at 81.

17 **Devadas, Rajammal P. (Dr)** Died in Coimbatore.

Singh, Natasha. Found dead at a five-star hotel in Delhi.

Sujela, Haji Bilal Ismail. Arrested under POTO.

Teresa, Mother. Honoured by renaming Park-Street of Kolkata as Mother Teresa Sarani.

Vijay Kumar. Won 39th Indian Open Golf.

18 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Won the 10th KK Birla Foundation Sports Award.

Humpy, Koneru. Won the 10th KK Birla Foundation Sports Award.

Rao, Gita. Died in Cuttack at 58.

19 **Badal, Surkhbir Singh.** CBI inquiry demanded by Haryana Opposition into Gurgaon land deal.

Gupta, J.P. Ex-chairman of Railway Board ; died.
Sekhon, Manjit Singh, Air Marshal. Forced to retire.
20 **Rushdie, Salman.** Airline ban lifted by Air Canada.
Sharma, Prakashwati. Sworn in Member of UPSC.
21 **Gulati, Rajiv.** Won IMM Award.
Sondhi, M.L. Appealed against the dismissal of his writ before a Division Bench of Delhi HC.
22 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Given tight security by Maharashtra govt. in view of terrorists' threat.
23 **Amonkar, Kishori.** Honoured with Padma Vibhushan.
Bopanna, Rohan. Beats Dmitri Mazur in Tennis at Delhi.
Kanwaljit Singh (Dr). Accused of sexual harassment and of manipulation.
Sorabjee, Soli J. Honoured with Padma Vibhushan.
24 **Das, P.M.** IGP of India Reserve Battalion.
Harvansh Singh. Sentenced to one month's imprisonment in a contempt of court.
Surjeet, Harkishan Singh. Elected General-Secretary of CPM.
Tagore, Abhijith. Won International Poet of Merit Award.
Yadav, B.L. (Justice). Died in Allahabad at 68.
25 **Manmohan Singh.** Most sought after cameraman of film industry.
Malik, Yaseen. Arrested in Srinagar.
Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh. Caught and arrested while accepting a bribe of Rs. 5 lakh.
Thakur, C.P. (Dr). Honoured with the fellowship of NAMS.
26 **Bhavani, Adoor.** Awarded the Mathrubhoomi-Medimix Chalachitra Sapariya Award.
Mukherjee, Satyabrata. Accused of making sex calls.
Negi, S.S. (Dr). Appointed V-C of YSP University of Horticulture and Forestry.
27 **Bisht, Madhumati.** Retires as badminton player.
Krishna Maharaj. Sentenced to life imprisonment.
Saroj Rani. Arrested in a rape case against J.S. Ahluwalia, as a co-accused.
28 **Venkatnarayan, S.** Elected President of Foreign Correpondent's Club of South Asia.
30 **Bakshi, Anand.** Died following prolonged illness.
Mann, Simranjit Singh. Apologised for his grandfather who honoured Gen. Dyer after the tragedy of Jallianwala Bagh.
31 **Rana, I.I.M.S.** Appointed Chairman of Railway Board.

April

1 **Narayanaswamy, K.V.** Died in Chennai at 79.
Ramachandran, M.S. Appointed IOC Chairman.
2 **Agarwala, J.P.** Arrested for molesting his 11-year old daughter.
Bharucha, S.P. (Justice). Elected President of International Law Association.
Subbu, B.V.R. Appointed President of the Hyundai Motor India.
6 **Bedi, Paramjit Singh (Dr).** Accused for arranging assault on doctor.
Chhabria, Manohar Rajaram. Died in Mumbai following cardaic arrest.
Narayansami, T.S. Won Best Banker Award, 2002.
9 **Ram, J.A., Maj. Gen. (Retd.)** Died in Mussoorie at 83.
Sema, Hotoi Khetodo (Justice). Sworn in Judge of Supreme Court.
10 **Nagi, O.N. (Prof.) (Dr)** Appointed Dean of PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Panwar, Jai Shree. Elected Mayor of Delhi.

11 **Dhillon, Uttam.** Appointed US House Policy Director.

Khachi, Jai Behari Lal. Died in Shimla at 76.

Singh, S.V. Appointed as DGP, Home Guards and Civil Defence.

12 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Premitted to cross to Pakistan for celebrating Baisakhi there.

13 **Kirpal, Bhupinder Nath (Justice)** Appointed Chief Justice of India.

Mann, Simranjit Singh. His party granted recognition to PSGPC against the stand taken by SGPC.

15 **Modi, Narendra.** Criticised by opposition unitedly, asking his resignation.

Namboodiripad, Vishnu. Reinstated and his suspension revoked.

Sarabhai, Mallika. Files PIL on Gujarat in the Supreme Court.

Upadhyaya, L.K. Appointed director, Film and Television Institution of India.

16 **Barpujari, Heramba Kanta (Dr)** Eminent historian passed away in Guwahati.

Sen, Paritosh. Won Officer of the Order of the Arts and Letters of the French Govt.

Yadav, Rajvallabh. Accused in a murder case in an FIR.

17 **Shanta Kumar.** Apologised to the BJP High Command for criticising Narendra Modi.

19 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Equaled Sir Don Bradman's tally after his 29th Test century.

Narsimha Rao, P.V. His book : *A long way* released by ex-President K.R. Narayanan.

20 **Bhaniara, Piara Singh.** Arrested and detained under the National Security Act.

Subha Rao, D.V. Elected Chairman of Bar Council of India.

Joshi, Chand Kaur. Awarded Sahitya Pratibha Award 2002.

Goyal, C.B. Elected President of Haryana CCI.

Gopal, Sarvepalli (Dr). Died in Chennai at 78.

22 **Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh.** Removed as VC of Pbi. University.

Dharampal. Resigned as Chairman of the National Commission on Cattle.

Desai, Ketan. FIR against him was registered.

23 **Arjan Singh.** Appointed the first Marshal of IAF.

Garg, A.S. (Justice) Appointed One-man Commission of Enquiry.

Gurm, H.S. (Dr) Accused of manhandling scribe.

Sayeed, P.M. Admitted censure move on Gujarat as Speaker.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Released the Human Development Report.

Yadav, Rajendra Prasad. His son, Babloo, shot dead a boy.

24 **Bhatia, Vinod K. (Air Marshal)** Removed from the operational command of the Western Air Command.

Ghai, Subhash. Sold his film library to Sony.

Sorabjee, Soli J. Elected a member of UN Panel.

25 **Bhansali, Sanjay Leela.** His film *Devdas* makes it to Cannes.

Chadha, G.K. (Prof.) Appointed as Vice-Chancellor of JNU.

Vishnoi, Ram Singh. Resigned in view of drugs manufacturing case.

26 **Chinna, Surinderpal Singh.** Accused of terrorists links.

Shantaram, Kiran. Sworn in as Sheriff of Mumbai.

Sibal, Kanwal. Appointed Foreign Secretary of GOI.

27 **Tayal, S.P. (Dr).** Honoured with Rashtriya Ratan Shiromani Award of M.P. Govt.

29 **Merchant, Abdul Rauf Daud.** Sentenced to life imprisonment.
Natarajan, A. Lt. Gen. Appointed Adjutant-General at AHQ.
30 **Ghosal, Saurav.** Won Under-17 event in the German Junior Open Squash Tournament.
Grewal, S.S. (Lt. Gen.) Retires as Adjutant-General at AHQ.
Mayawati. Sworn in as Chief Minister of U.P.
Nambiar, V.K. Appointed India's Parmanent Representative to U.N.
Paswan, Ram Vilas. Resigned as Union Cabinet Minister of NDA.

May

1 **Ashwani Kumar.** Elected Rajya Sabha member.
Dheera, Randhir Singh. Suspended with effect from April 28 in PPSC corruption case.
2 **Birju Maharaj.** Criticised pop culture which is threatening Indian culture.
Chinna, Surinderpal Singh. Arrested on kickback charges.
Gill, K.P.S. Appointed Security Advisor to CM Gujarat.
Shamsher Singh. Accused as main tout in PPSC corruption case.
Singh, Rajnath. Appointed Chief of BJP unit of U.P.
Tendulkar, Sachin. Sir Garfield Sobres puts him ahead of Lara.
3 **Garewal, K.S. (Justice).** Prohibits disclosing of contents of statements of witnesses in Punjab PSC corruption case.
Gill, K.P.S. His appointment as Advisor was criticised by SAD (Amritsar) Chief.
Saroj Rani (Dr). Suspended being a co-accused in an attempt to rape case.
4 **Bachchan, Abishek.** Discharged after a compromise in assault case.
Chaudhary, Pradeep. Appointed member of HPSC.
5 **Anand, Viswanathan.** Annexes Eurotel title.
Badra, Noman. SIMI's UP chief held in Lucknow.
Randhawa, Inderjit Singh. Elected President of Punjab Police Services Association.
Sangwan, Bimla. Appointed Chairperson of the Haryana Women Development Corporation.
6 **Bhatia, B.S.** Relieved as Registrar of Punjabi University.
Hamdard, Barjinder Singh. Led protest march against Govt.
Kirpal, B.N. (Justice). Sworn in as Chief Justice of India.
Marandi, Simon. Joined Congress party after quitting JMM.
Saha, Saraswati. Won Women's 100m and 200m in the second National Athletic Circuit meet.
7 **Koley, Raj Kumar.** Killed in the crash of a Chinese airliner.
Tiwari, Iqbal Singh. Appointed Secretary of SAD by Badal.
8 **Ahmed, Naseem.** Appointed V-C of AMU.
Natarajan D.N., Air Vice-Marshal (Retd.) Appointed V-C of HNB Garhwal University.
9 **Madan Lal.** Arrested in bribe case.
Singh, Ritu. Died by committing suicide.
10 **Azmi, Kaifi.** Died in Mumbai after prolonged illness.
Vishnoi, Parasram. Accused for making narcotic drugs in his cement factory.
Joshi, Manohar Gajanan. Sworn in Speaker of the 13th Lok Sabha.
Upadhyay, Kishore. Sought suitable rehabilitation package for oustees of Tehri Dam.
11 **Pardhan Kaur.** Died at Sadhwan in Faridkot dist of Punjab at 83.
12 **Mathew, Philip.** Elected IPI Vice-chief.

13 **Gauri Kumar.** Appointed Chief of National Institute of Fashion Technology.
Sinha, Yashwant. Criticised for having links with Ashok Chaturvedi of Flex Industries.

14 **Agarwal, Sanjay.** Arrested for involvement in NDCCB scam.
Garg, A.S., Justice. Under attack, submitted resignation as One-man Commission.
Rajo Singh. Bail rejected in the case of killing of 9 RJD activists.
Tripathi, Kesari Nath. Elected Speaker of UP Assembly.

15 **Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh.** Arrest warrants in a case of molestation issued.
Badal, Parkash Singh. Accused for seeking UPSC berth for Mr. R.P.S. Sidhu.

16 **Bansal, H.L.** VB guns for him being Sidhu's key PCS middleman
Dheera, Randhir Singh. Revealed all about the Punjab PSC scam.
Langah, Sucha Singh. Charged for possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

18 **Shakdher, S.L.** Died in New Delhi at 83.

19 **Tripude, Nasikrao.** Died in Mumbai at 82.

20 **Ahmed, Gulsher.** Died at Satna (M.P.) hospital.
Gandhi, A.R. (Air Marshal). Appointed AOC-in-C of strategic WAC.
Parekh, Ketan. Bail denied in the misappropriation of Rs. 83 crore case.

21 **Lone, Abdul Gani.** Killed in old Srinagar city by terrorists.
Sekhri, Ashwani. Created ruckus by occupying Chatha's room forcibly.

22 **Gaekwad, Shantadevi (Rajmata)** Died of cardaic arrest at Vadodara.

23 **Bagga, D.S.** Appointed as UP Chief Secretary.
Virendra Singh (Capt.) Case registered against him for amassing assets disproportionate to his income.

24 **Mehla, Ishwar Singh.** Sentenced to four year R.I.
Sidhu, Bhupinder Singh. Accused of amassing wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income.
Subba Rao, P.V. Died at Nellore (A.P.) at 90.
Yadav, Laloo Prasad. Criticised for display of wealth in the marriage of his daughter without explaining the source of it.

25 **Agarwal, Amit.** Won Usha-NIFT award for best garment construction.
Agarwal, Sanjay. Home Trade CEO in CBI custody.
Atre, Prabha. Awarded by Mumbai-based Federation of Associations of Maharashtra.
Chandraswami (Jain, Nemichand). Accused and issued summons.
Dutt, Sunil. Appointed head of *Sadbhavana ke Sipahi*.
Kaura, Nisha. Exposed favouritism and foul play in the selection of science teachers.
Rangarajan, C. (Dr) Sworn in Governor of Orissa, as additional charge.
Swaminathan, M.S. (Dr) Book on him was released.

27 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Flags off 30 trucks of wheat for J&K.
Yadav, Parmanand. Aide of D.P. Yadav was shot dead by unidentified assailants.

28 **Babu, Bajarangi.** Arrested by crime branch of Gujarat police alongwith other accused for Naroda Carnage.

29 **Halder, Baidyanath (Dr)** Imprisoned for negligence of duties as doctor.

31 **Raman, G.** Arrested for Bio-fertilizer purchase scam.
Swamy, Shekar. Won Alumni Hall of Achievement Award of the North-Western University of U.S.

June

1 **Akhouri, Suresh.** Elected IJU President.

Patwardhan, Anand. Not cleared his *War and Peace* by Censor.

Satbir Singh. Created record in 400 mtrs at 42nd National Inter-State Athletic Championship.

Srinath, Javagal. Retires from Test Cricket.

Sukh Ram. Charged for accepting a bribe of Rs. 3 lakh.

Tharoor, Shashi (Dr) Appointed Under-Secretary-General of U.N.

2 **Vijaya Kumari, Ganti.** Elected in Amalapuram LS by-election.

3 **Agarwal, Ashok.** Charged for fabricating a case of FERA violation.

Behera, Bhagabat. Orissa Education Minister died in Bhubaneswar.

Dalal, Bajrang Singh. Jailed for forging a Delhi HC order.

Parrikar, Manohar. Sworn in as Goa CM.

Rajo Singh. Bailed out by Patna HC.

Soren, Shibu. Won Dumka LS seat.

4 **Ambani, Mukesh.** Becomes IPCL chairman.

Amgami, Neituo. The *Citizen's Voice* editor died in Kohima.

Pant, Girijesh (Prof.) Appointed V-C of Guru Ghasidas University.

5 **Bhikha Bhai.** Died at Udaipur following a brief illness.

Bhikha Bhai. Memorial for him in Sagwara.

Gopal, R.R. Charged that he master minded the kidnap of Kannada film star Rajkumar.

Parekh, Ketan. Bail granted in a cheating case.

Reddy, Satish. Appointed MD of Dr Reddy's Lab.

Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh. Suspended as chairman of PPSC.

6 **Ahmed, Ateeq.** UP MLA and Apna Chief arrested.

Vyas, V.S. Appointed on Expert Panel for advice on WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

7 **Bhagwat, Anjali Ved.** Ace shooter rewarded with Rs. 50,000 by CSIF, her employer.

Chaturvedi, Naresh. Appointed MD of FCI.

Jatti, B.D. Died in Bangalore at 92.

Jayalalitha, J. $ 3 lakh FERA case against her was closed.

8 **Achrekar, Ramakant.** Felicitated in Mumbai for training excellent players.

Patel, Parthiv. Youngest-ever Test Keeper.

Patil, V.S. Felicitated in Mumbai by players trained by him.

Shrivastava, R.N. Deposed before the Liberhan Commission.

9 **Geelani, Ali Shah.** Arrested under POTA.

10 **Dhananjay Singh.** Arrested under the Gangster Act in Lucknow.

Joshi, Murli Manohar. Addressed Commonwealth conference.

Naolekar, Prakash Prabhakar (Justice) Sworn in Chief Justice of Guwahati HC.

Rajendra Singh. Assaulted in Aligarh during a seminar.

Tejveer Singh. Assaulted Magsaysay awardee Rajendra Singh in Aligarh.

11 **Abdullah, Farooq.** Resigned as President of National Conference.

Arora, Balvir. Appointed Rector of JNU of Delhi.

Arora, Sunil. Appointed Chairman and M.D. of Indian Airlines.

Bhanawat, Mahendra. Awarded fellowship of the Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy.

Bhatt, Satvik. Honoured with special promotional award of the Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy.

Gill, Gauri. Won Fifty Crows Foundation Award in Photography.

Kabra, Brij Bhushan. Honoured with fellowship of the Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy.

Khoshoo, T.N. (Dr) Died at NOIDA at 75.

Mythily Rani. Her premises in Hyderabad raided by CBI and seized money and goods worth Rs. 2.5 crore.

Patodia, P.D. Elected President of FIEO.

Surjit Singh, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Sworn in Member of Punjab PSC.

Yadav, Laloo Prasad. Birthday celebrated by Laloo Vichar Kendra.

12 **Agnihotri, M.R.** Ex-Chief Justice faces charges of corruption.

Bhasin, Harsh. Appointed India's High Commissioner to Pakistan.

Dutta-Ghosh, Meenakshi. Appointed Chief of National AIDS Control Organisation.

Vedpathak, Anjali. Ranked World no. 1 in women's 10 m air rifle event.

Verma, R.A. Arrested for possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

13 **Banik, Somesh (Dr)** Appointed as Secretary of the Animal Welfare Board of India.

Mann, Zora Singh. Arrested for theft and assault.

Middya, Probash. Won Gold Virtuosi 2 Award.

Netravali, Arun. Won National Medal of Science and Technology of USA.

Rao, Calyampudi R. Awarded National Medal of S & T by US President.

Shah, Bharat. Charges framed; trial on June 26.

Sreenivas Reddy, S. Won Jewellery design, 'Gold Virtuosi' Award.

14 **Achrekar, Ramakant.** His biography in Marathi was released.

Devarajan, S. Appointed as President of MAIT.

Jaisingh, Hari. Elected President of Editor's Guild.

Jogi, Ajit. Charged by M.P. Lokayukta for irregularities in canal contract.

Sahgal, Lakshmi (Capt.) Presidential nominee of the Left parties.

Tota Singh. Arrested by Punjab VB on the charges of corruption.

15 **Patel, Mukesh.** Died in Mumbai.

Vasudev, Aruna. Won French honour.

Vishnoi, Parasram. House raided to arrest him in drug scam case.

16 **Abdullah, Farooq.** Escapes attempt on life; survives granade attack.

Kahlon, Nirmal. Charged in recruitment scam.

Pruthi, Naresh (Dr) Congress leader booked on fraud charges.

Yadav, Mulayam Singh. Accused of roughing up Mayawati in 1995.

17 **Devaiah, Suddala.** Resigned for alleged involvement in murder.

Kumble, Anil. Appointed Brand Ambassador of Indigo Nation.

Prasad, Yogendra. Won International Commission on Large Dams Award.

Samresh Singh. On dharna against prevailing corruption in the State.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. *Asleep at the wheel* : Alex Perry's report on PM.

Vattikuti, Raj. Won Ellis Island Medal of Honor.

18 **Batra, Hemant.** Elected as Secretary-General of SAARC LAW.

Chakraborty, Manindra. Makes documentary on Howrah.

Chauhan, Mool Chand. Appointed Chef-de-Mission for Commonwealth Games.
Gautam, P.L. (Dr) Appointed V-C of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar.
Geelani, Iftikhar Ali. Arrested and remanded to judicial custody.
Guha, Samar. Died in Kolkata at 85.
Inder Singh. Appointed Chief Information Officer of Visa Int.
Naseem Banu. Died in Mumbai at 86.
Purohit, Apurva. Appointed Zee TV President.
Thaker, Amit. Arrested for attacking Medha Patkar at Sabarmati Ashram.
Tytler, Jagdish. Appointed Chief-de-Mission of the Indian contingent for the Asian Games in Busan.
19 **Saharya, Arun B.** Withdraws work from three Punjab and Haryana HC judges.
Singh, B.P. (Dr) Won Rashtriya Chikitsak Ratna Award.
Thapar, Romila. Honoured with Doctor of Letters degree by Oxford University.
20 **Yadav, Jagadambi Prasad.** Died in Coimbatore at 78 of multi-organ failure.
21 **Bajaj, Rahul.** Hospitalised in Mumbai's Breach Candy for chest-pain.
Dutta, Subir. Appointed Defence Secretary, GOI.
Nair, P.M. Appointed Secretary Dept. of Defence Production and Supplies, GOI.
Shankar, P. Appointed Secretary, Planning Commission.
Sushil Prakash. Arrested under POTA for aiding militants.
22 **Badal, Sukhbir Singh.** Chargesheeted for assaulting photo-journalist.
Kang, Kiranbir Singh. Bail denied in case of murder of two Dalit children.
Kureshi, Haji Yakub. Charged Under ST Act in Meerut.
Nadvi, Mohammad Rabey Hasani (Syed) Elected President of A–1 Muslim Personal Law Board.
Nirankari, Joginder Singh. Died in New Delhi at 76.
Paul, Swraj. Awarded Honorary degree by Moscow State University of Management.
23 **Abdullah, Omar.** Elected President of the National Conference.
Deshmukh, Vilasrao. Restrained; his moves to be cleared by a committee.
24 **Abdullaha, Farooq.** Harps on autonomy to J&K.
Bedi, Kuldip Singh. Arrested by Mohali police in Sidhu's PPSC case.
Gour, Rohitas. Won Bhagwan Sriram National Award–2002.
Katiyar, Vinay. Appointed President of UP BJP unit.
Saraswati, Jayendra (Sankaracharya) Plays arbiter on Ayodhya issue.
Tota Singh. His house searched by V.B. in Moga.
25 **Butalia, Urvashi.** Honoured with the National order of Merit by French Govt.
Khurana, Madan Lal. Faded Charishma of Khurana.
Mishra, D.K. Arrested in a bribe case.
Mohan, S.L. Appointed CMD of the Oriental Insurance.
Surinder Nath, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Retired as Chairman, UPSC.
Thakur, S.P. Appointed Director of Haryana Police Housing Corporation.
26 **Azad, K.C.** Awarded Rattan Award of Global Economic Council.
Darbari Lal (Prof.) Elected Deputy Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha.
Mahajan, Vijay (Dr) Appointed Dean of ISB, Hyderabad.
Thatte, Maltibai. Died at Nasik at 92.

27 **Aghi, Sunil.** Quizzed by FBI.
Amarinder Singh. Charged for covering up corruption cases.
Amrita Pritam. Honoured by Punjab Govt. with award of Rs. 15 lakh.
Dhaliwal, Daljit. Appointed CNN's anchor women.
Jalan, Bimal (Dr) Granted two-year extension in service by RBI.
Kedar, Sunil. Bail denied in Bank fraud case.
Krishnamurthi, Jana. Agreed to quit as BJP chief and accept a cabinet berth.
Mahendra Kumari. Died in Delhi hospital.
Tejpal, Tarun. Informs Commission that *Tehelka's* aim was to expose graft.
28 **Bedi, Bishan Singh.** Debarred from Amritsar Service Club.
Bhujbal, Chhagan. Complains of Maratha conspiracy in NCP to oust him.
Lyngdoh, J.M. In controversy by notifying that politicians while filing their norminations will have to delcare their criminal records, assets and qualifications. Politicians protest.
Pendse, Dilip S. Charged by the Tata Group; which claims damages of Rs. 424·5 crore.
Sawhny, Vinod. Resigned from Spice Telecom.
Shastri, Dev Dutt. Died in New Delhi at 84.
Sridhar, N.V. Appointed CMD of the Pawan Hans.
29 **Advani, L.K.** Appointed Deputy Prime Minister.
Kanpuri, Gauhar. Died in Mumbai at 70.
Kohli, Pawan Deep Singh (Dr) Appointed Hony. Radiologist to the President.
30 **Amarinder Singh.** Denies cover-up in corruption cases.
Antony, A.K. Appointed member of Inter-state Council.
Jagat, Gurbachan. Retired as BSF chief.
Sacchan, Krishna Kumar (Dr) Appointed BSP President of UP unit.
Shastri, Shrikant. Died in road accident near Dewas.

July

1 **Gupta, R.S.** Appointed Police Commissioner of Delhi.-
Mander, Harsh. Awarded M.A. Thomas National HR Award, 2002.
Namboodiri, Badri Prasad. Appointed Chief priest of Badrinath shrine.
Sibal, Kanwal. Appointed as Foriegn Secretary, Govt. of India.
Venkaiah Naidu, M. Appointed BJP President.
2 **Rastogi, Narendra.** Extradition sought his fraudulent duty drawbacks of Rs. 171 crore.
3 **Badal, Kumar.** Tehelka scribe arrested by CBI for poaching.
Birla, Kumar Mangalam. Conferred honorary Fellowship of London Business School.
Chugh, K.S. (Dr) Gets FRCP.
Mallya, Vijay. Denies defying ED summons.
Singh, Ajay Kumar. Appointed President of UPCC.
Venkatalakshamma, K. Died at Kadur in Karnataka.
4 **Vaiko Gopalasamy, Y.** Charged under POTA for making pro-LTTE speeches.
Viswanathan, R. Elected President of Employers' Federation of Southern India.
Zahed, M.S. Appointed as Chairman and M.D. of HMT.
5 **Ghosh, Runu.** Sentenced to two years' imprisonment.
Nair, P.S. Appointed Director, I.G. International Airport.

Saraswati, Jayendra (Sankaracharya) Criticised RSS proposal on J&K trifurcation.
Shah, Bharat. Trial resumed in a case of nexus with the underworld.
Singh, D.P. (Prof.) Appointed V-C of JNKVV, Jabalpur.
Singhi, N.K. (Prof.) Died in Jaipur at 66.
Sukh Ram. Sentenced to 3-year RI by a Delhi Court in telecom equipment scam.
6 **Ambani, Dhirubhai.** Passed away at Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai.
Gursharan Singh. Appointed as Asaid Umpire.
Pritpal Singh. Former Secretary of PPSC; was arrested.
Ram Lal (Thakur) Former HP Chief Minister died at 73.
7 **Qadri, Yusuf Suleman.** Arrested in Delhi.
8 **Alexander, P.C.** Resigned as Maharashtra Governor.
Randhawa, Kulbir Singh. Arrested on corruption charges and amassing wealth.
Sethumadhavan, K.S. Appointed Chairman of the 49th National Film Awards and Indian Panorama.
9 **Narayan, S.** Appointed Finance Secretary, GOI.
10 **Ghosh, Runu.** Files appeal in Delhi HC against conviction.
11 **Chawla, Kalpana.** Takes off as a part of flight STS.
Joshi, Murli Manohar. Conferred Mongolia Friendship Medal.
Lambah, S.K. Resigned as special envoy to Afghanistan.
Mathur, A.N. Appointed Chief Secretary of the Haryana Govt.
Vaiko Gopalasamy, Y. Arrested in Chennai.
12 **Khurana, Madan Lal.** Appointed President of BJP Delhi unit.
Krishnaswami, Mani. Died in Chennai at 72 of heart attack.
Kuldip Singh (Justice) Appointed Chairman of the Delimitation Commission.
Ramanujam, R. (Justice) Sworn in as Lok Ayukta of Andhra Pradesh.
13 **Irani, Jamshed J. (Dr)** Won Lifetime Contribution Award in Engineering.
Soch, Harbhajan Singh. Charged for making appointments against rules of GNDU.
Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Promised 8% growth during 10th Five year Plan.
14 **Barua, Navakanta.** Poet Barua passed away in Guwahati.
D'Souza Lawrence. Attacked for extortion.
Karnik, Shashikant (Dr) Maharashtra PSC Chief arrested in recruitment scam.
15 **Jois, M. Rama (Justice)** Sworn in as Jharkhand Governor.
16 **Singh, Krishen Murari.** Won Dr Rajendra Prasad Award, 1999-2000 for his book.
17 **Singh, Mata Prasad.** Died in Faizabad at 88 of Cardiac arrest.
18 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J.** Elected President of India.
Maneklal, Yogesh T. Sentenced to 14 years' rigorous imprisonment.
Sahani, Ramashray. Sentenced to life imprisonment in a murder case.
Shinde, Sushil Kumar. Nominated as Opposition's candidate for Vice-President.
Sivarama Dikshidar, P.V. Died in New Delhi at 80.
Verma, Bahadur Singh. Won Jagjivan Ram Kisan Puraskar, 2001 of ICAR.
19 **Modi, Narendra.** Resigned as Chief Minister of Gujarat.
Sukh Ram. Filed appeal with the Delhi HC which suspended his sentences.
20 **Sheth, Ketan.** Bailed out in Rs. 92·78 crore Seamen's PF scam case.
Tangri, Jagdish. Surrendered before Ludhiana police.
Vijay Anand. Resigned following differences with the Ministry at I&B.

22 **Balasubramanian,Dorairajan.** Conferred the National Order of Merit of French Govt.
Dutt, Sunil. Launches *Sadbhavana ke Sipahi.*
Gill, K.P.S. Won Pride of Nation Award.
Jailtey, Arun. Appointed Interlocutor on J&K.
23 **Kapil Dev.** Awarded Wisden Indian Cricketer of the Century.
25 **Harlalka, Shaleen.** Developed equipment to destroy landmines.
Jugran, Dinesh Chandra. Appointed D-G of M.P. police.
Roy Choudhary, Saptarishi. Won National Youth Chess (Under-25)
26 **Aggarwal, R.C.** Appointed Coordinator for J&K Assembly elections.
Chowdhary, Dinesh. Arrested in fake caste certificate case.
Jayalalitha, J. Protested for not being invited to swearing in ceremony of President.
Venkatesan, M.T. Won Lalchand Milapchand Award for physically challenged.
27 **Krishan Kant.** Died in New Delhi at 75.
Tanted, Suresh. Won Pandit Manmohan Bhatt Lifetime Achievement Award.
28 **Ranganath, N.K. [Ranga]** Died in Bangalore at 77.
29 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Elected President of Cricket Association of Bengal.
30 **Babur, Mohd. Ilyas.** Died in Hyderabad.
Kunjarani Devi. Won Gold in women's 48 kg category at 17th Commonwealth Games.
31 **Anand, Ketan.** Sentenced to life imprisonment.
Nag, Kingshuk. Won Prem Bhatia Award for Excellence in Political Reporting and Analysis, 2001-2002.
Rajvansh, Priya. Her killers got life term.
Rathore, S.P.S. Retired from service.

August

1 **Brar, Jagmeet Singh.** Elected Farmers' Forum Chief.
Rai, Satheesha. Won two gold, one bronze in weightlifting at 17th Commonwealth Games.
2 **Chanu, Sanamachu.** Won three gold medals.
Mansingh, Lalit. Appointed D-G Foreign Trade.
3 **Cheema, Palwinder.** Won gold medal at 17th Commonwealth Games.
Kaif, Mohammad. Excellent batting in Natwest Trophy and against Zimbabawe.
Krishan Kumar. Won gold medal at the Commonwealth games.
Madasamy, Krishnan. Stripped of three medals for doping.
Sanijvan, Ruprah. Arrested for his links with Al-Qaida.
4 **Dalal, Ajit Singh.** Found dead near railway track near Kurukshetra.
Pujari, Shailaja. Won three gold medals in Women's 75 kg at Commonwealth Games.
Ramesh Kumar. Won gold medal at 17th Commonwealth Games.
Sasikiran, Krishnan. Lost to Mathew Turner of England.
Sharma, Ravi Kant. Charged in the Shivani Bhatnagar murder case.
Shastri, Girdhari Lal. Died in Mandi (H.P.) at 83.
Yadav, Akhilesh. Elected Chief of the Smajwadi Party's Youth Wing.
5 **Haribhaskar, N.** Absolved of charges in wealth case.
Pawaria, R.C. Surrendered in fake arm's licence case.
Rai, Satheesha. Fails in dope test in 17th Commonwealth Games.

Sandhu, Tajinderpal Singh. Non-bailable warrants against him in a corruption case.
Stokes, Vidya. Nominated on the Delimitation Commission.
Tota Singh. Indicted by Lok Pal who found him guilty of misconduct.
6 Kewal Singh, Giani. Charged in a case of death of his daughter-in-law.
Singh, J.W. Acquitted in a case of extortion and links with the underworld.
7 Arora, N.K. Appointed member of Punjab State HRC.
Bahal, Anirudh. Arrested for manhandling CBI personnel.
Khan, S.M. Appointed Press to Secretary to the President of India.
8 Gurbux Singh. Arrested after drunken brawl in London.
Gurbux Singh. Resigned as Chairman of Britain's Commission of Racial Equality.
Naik, Ram. Involved in Petrol pump scam. Faces criticism.
Soz, Saifuddin. Joins Congress Party.
Kasturirangan, K. (Dr) Won G.M. Modi Innovative S&T Award for 2002.
Kohar, Ajit Singh. Arrested on the charges of corruption.
Sharma, Manju. Won G.M. Modi Innovative S&T Award for 2002.
Verma, Ram Kumar. Arrested for the murder of a senior lawyer.
11 Sarna, Paramjit Singh. Refutes links with Mr. Sajjan Kumar.
Thandi, Narinderjit Singh. Elected Mayor of Gravesham (UK), 2002-03.
12 Shekhawat, Bhairon Singh. Elected Vice-President of India.
Tiwari, N.D. Elected from Ramnagar Assembly constituency.
13 Birla, K.K. Honoured By Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt.
Jagat, Gurbachan. Appointed member of UPSC.
14 Prabhu, Suresh. Resigned as Union Power Minister.
Surinder Singh, Subedar. Awarded Ashok Chakra posthumously.
15 Bhullar, M.S. Awarded President's Police Medal.
Shah, Syed Gul Mohammad. Sentenced for credit card fraud.
Shantanu Kumar. Rajasthan DGP's son; accused for harassing a family from Assam.
16 Ganeshwar Rao, Y. Named Captain of India's under-19 Cricket team.
Mahajan, Pramod. Accused in Shivani Bhatnagar's murder by Madhu Sharma.
Mathur, S.B. Appointed Chairman of LIC.
Modi, Narendra. Criticised by Amartya Sen who blames Modi Govt. for violence.
Ranjit Lal. Removed. Federation of Indian Export Organisations terminated his services.
Rao, Krishna. Died in Chennai at 73.
17 Venkaiah Naidu, M. Surrendered 4·95 acres of controversial land.
Singh, Indu Prakash (Dr) Died in London at 71 of cancer.
18 Hanspal, H.S. Appointed President of Punjab PCC.
Singh, Virbhadra. FIR registered against him and others for abducting Ramesh Dhawala on March 5, 1998.
19 Amarjit Kaur. Charged in a dowry case.
Babi, Parveen. Plea to tender evidence against Sanjay Dutt rejected.
Badal, Parkash S. Criticises Congress for observing martyrdom of Sant Longowal.
Nagi, O.N. (Prof.) Appointed Trustee of the Association of Osteosynthesis.
Shekhawat, Bhairon Singh. Sworn in Vice-President of India.

20 **Madhu Sudan.** Awarded Nevanlinna Prize for 2002.
Raj, Mithali. Set a world record of 214 runs in the Third Test against England.
21 **Chaturvedi, Trilok Nath.** Sworn in Governor of Karnataka.
Jacob, Leno. Suspended by Kerala PCC.
Jain, Mohan Lal. Awarded Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Award for 2001.
Lahiri, Ashok. Appointed as Chief Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance, GOI.
Laxman, V.V.S. Won Arjuna Award of 2001.
Rai, Laxmi. CBI accused, but continues as Chief, BPSC.
22 **Sengupta, Prabir.** Appointed D-G of IIFT, New Delhi.
Sharma, R.K. Arrested for rape charges.
Surana, Prem. Sentenced to 6-month S.I. for slapping a magistrate.
23 **Boparai, Swarn Singh.** Appointed V-C of Punjabi University, Patiala.
Hooda, Bhupinder Singh. Elected Leader of Haryana CLP.
Katara, Nitish. His case transferred from Ghaziabad to Delhi.
Kohli, Manoj. Elected Chairman of Cellular Operators Assoc. of India.
Malhotra, Haribaksh Rai. Appointed Addl Judge of Delhi HC.
Nizam, Sheen Kaaf. Honoured with Bhasha Bhartiya Samman.
Sharma, Ravi Kant. Suspended from service by the Haryana Govt.
Shrivastava, Akhil Kumar. Appointed Additimal Judge of MP High Court.
Singal, Ajay. Suspended by Punjab and Haryana HC.
Singh, Ashok Kumar. Charged with corrupt practices.
Tendulkar, Sachin. With 30th Test century, outdid Bradman.
Thaninathan, Geetha. Passed GCSE in London at 6.
24 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Awarded Khel Ratna Award.
Dewan, Ashok. Won Dhyan Chand Award.
Mahajan, Pramod. Delhi police cleared him in Shivani murder case.
Manilal. Coach of weightlifter Satheesha Rai suspended.
Modi, Narendra. Criticised by PM for his anti-Lyngdoh remarks.
26 **Bastein, Michael.** Appointed as CMD of the Syndicate Bank.
Geete, Anant. Appointed as Cabinet Minister, GOI.
Goyal, J.B. Accused of irregularities in recruitment in local bodies.
Gurm, H.S. Accused of committing irregularities in examinations and appointments.
Shah, Bharat. Allowed to go abroad by SC.
Sharma, R.K. Additional Commissioner of Delhi Police suspended.
27 **Jain, Sharda.** Arrested in Atma Ram Gupta murder case.
Manek, Hira Ratan. Survived without food for 411 days.
Menon, K.P.A. Died in New Delhi at 75.
Saharya, Arun B. (Justice) Restores work to three Punjab and Haryana HC Judges.
Vittal, N. His book on PSU vigilance released.
28 **Chowdhury, Bula.** 1st Asian woman to cross the Catalina Channel (USA)
Mishra, U.S. Appointed Special Director of CBI.
Veerappan. No amnesty to him : CM of T.N.
29 **Dhanwant Singh, Baba.** Arrested on rape charges.
Kulwinder Kaur. Arrested for causing communal disharmony.

Mukarji, Nirmal. Died in New Delhi at 81.

Makkar, Bhagat S. (Dr) Charged for trading in human organs.

Singh, Brahmeshwar. Ranvir Sena Chief ; arrested in Patna.

30 **Leeladhar, V.** Elected President of IIB.

31 **Jayalalitha, J.** Opposed Prime Ministership to Sonia Gandhi, being of foreign origin.

Mehta, L.M. Appointed Secretary, Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI.

September

1 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** Elected President of Indian Cricket Board.

Fernandes, George. Elected President of the Samta Party.

Jethmalani, Ram. Criticised Deputy PM L.K. Advani for not meeing Shabir Shah.

Karanth, B.V. Died in Bangalore.

Mankotia, D.S., Maj. Gen. Died of heart attack at 53.

Shah, Vijay. Benchmark of opulence. £ 10 million Indian wedding in Belgium.

Sinha, S.K. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Sworn in as Governor of Assam for a second term.

2 **Akhilesh Singh.** Expelled from Congress Party and arrested.

Kapur, M.S. Appointed CMD of Vijaya Bank.

Sekhon, Manjit Singh, Air Marshal (Retd.) Joined Congress Party.

3 **Bhambra, Hardeep Singh.** Accused of amassing wealth through corruption.

Shankar, P. Sworn in as Central vigilance Commissioner.

4 **Bhunder, Balvinder S.** Acused of misappropriation of MP's Area Development Fund.

Mathew, Philip. Elected Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

5 **Harish Kumar.** Absconding IPS officer arrested.

6 **Bhupati, Mahesh.** Won US open doubles title.

Kapil Dev. Appointed brand ambassador to Kinetic.

Stalin, M.K. Removed from the Mayorship of Madras city.

7 **Bhardwaj, Nakul.** Elected President of DUSU.

8 **Gill Kuldip Singh.** Accused of a fraud, by Punjab V.B.

Humpy, Konerk. Confered GM norm by FIDE.

9 **Kamla.** Appealed in M.P. High Court against the annulment of her election.

Pherurai, Gurcharan Singh. Corruption case against him filed.

11 **De Silva, Melvin (Father)** Arrested for sodomising his students.

Hegde, S.N. (Prof.) Charged of corruption.

Lone, Mushtaq Ahmed. Killed by terroists at Rednag in Lolab segment.

Manoharan, V. Rewarded for honesty.

Mohan, Rakesh. Appointed Deputy Governor of RBI.

Narayanamurthy, N.R. Won Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration and Management Sciences, 2001.

Singh, Jija Madhavan. Honoured with Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

Yadav, Dharamvir Singh (Dr) Arrested in a corruption case.

12 **Ganguly, Taniya.** Creates record in spring board diving.

Kang, Amarjit Singh (Dr) Accused of tempering with answer-sheets.

Kapoor, Anup. Committed suicide after ragging at IET Lucknow.

Menon, K. Balakrishna. Died in Kochi at 89.

Sangra, Surjit Singh. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Sworn in as Chairman of Punjab PSC.

Scindia, Vasundhara Raje. Appointed Chief of Rajasthan BJP unit.

13 **Bedi, Kiran.** Heads the list of 100 outstanding women.

Dravid, Rahul. Top spot in the Ceat Cricket ratings of 2002-03.

Singla, Brij Mohan. Accused of misusing his position and embezzling Rs. 600 lakh.

15 **Tripathi, N.P.** IT D-G booked for abusing his position, causing a loss of Rs. 63 lakh to the State.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Faced protest of half a dozen Muslim youths in New York.

Vajpayee,Atal Behari. Rejected converting LOC as international border with Pakistan.

16 **Amin, Chirayu.** Elected President of Baroda Cricket Association.

Gill, Amarbir Singh (Justice) Accused of using influence to get his daughter selected to the PCS (Judicial).

Gujral, N.S. Appointed Stock Exchange director.

17 **Jha, Sriram.** Won Rajiv Gandhi title.

Pillai, Dhanraj. Explanation sought for remarks against team mates by IHF President.

Tikait, Mahendra Singh. Arrested in Rampur district.

18 **Bapat, Vasant.** Died in Pune.

Kolpe, S.B. Died of old age in Mumbai.

Nagpal, Lal Chand. Died in Mukatsar at 103.

Narang, Samir. Rescued from kidnappers.

Kansal, Tek Chand. Died in Chandigarh at 75.

19 **Agnihotri, Bhishma Kumar.** Acredited through India's permanent mission.

Antil, Ravi. Drowns in the Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh while practising.

Hans, Hans Raj. Threatened on behalf of T-series owner.

Kahlon, Nirmal. Accused in a criminal and corruption case.

Kapoor, Karisma. Won Smita Patil Memorial Award.

Katiyar, Vinay. Summoned by Srinagar Court on his remarks about Moo-e-Muqadas.

Khosla, Vinod. 391st richest American in Forbes' list.

Munda, Gopinath. His security cover withdrawn.

Nair, S.K. Elected BCCI Secretary.

Narula, M.L. Appointed MD of ACC.

Sinha, Nishi Kant. Appointed Secretary, Planning Commission.

Tendulkar, Priya. Died in Mumbai at 48 of heart attack.

20 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J.** Escapes plot to be elminated while on way to Bokaro.

Ittoo, Sakina. Survived 4th attack by terrorists.

Narendra Mohan. Died in New Delhi at 68.

Premi, Gurcharan Singh. Died in road accident near Goraya. He was 73.

Sorot, G.S. Appointed Member-Secretary of the Second Finance Commisison.

Vohra, V.J.S. (Dr.) Appointed Prosthetic Advisor to Punjab Government.

21 **Hazare, Anna.** His *maun varat* exposing Maharashtra Govt.

Mishra, Bhawani Prasad. His book of poems released.

Mukesh Kumar. Won hat-trick ... his three in a row.

Shahi, Shivendra Pratap. New claimant for Ayodhya disputed site.

22 **Dias, A.L.** Died in Mumbai at 72.

Nariman, Fali. S. Won Justice Prize of Peter Gruber Foundation.

Patel, Chair. Resigned as advisor to British P.M.

Pillai, Dhanraj. Player of the tournament at Champions Trophy.

23 **Dalbir Singh.** Elected Chairman of Indian Bankers' Association.

Joshi, Manohar Gajanan. Led Parliamentary delegation to Geneva.

Kothiyal, Rajiv (Wing Commander) Resigned from IAF on personal reasons.

Mech, Ramu. Arrested from a private nursing home in Dibrugarh district.

Nair, Sathi. Appointed Chief Secretary, Govt. of A.P.

24 **Chetia, Anup.** Sentenced to seven years rigorous imprisonment.

Mashelkar, R.A. (Dr) Given extension of two years in service.

Pisharoty, R.P. (Prof.) Died at Kollengode in Kerala at 93.

Sahu, Sharad Kumar. Killed by unidentified assailants.

Yadav, Rajballabh. Arrested by police in Patna, alongwith his associates.

Yadav, Suresh (Subedar) Killed in commado operation at Akshardham, Gujarat.

25 **Ramaraj, R.** Elected president of Internet Service providers.

Varma, Ravindra. Denied that 2nd National Labour Commission's report is anti-labour.

26 **Dalal, M.K.** Appointed CMD of the Engineers India Ltd.

Muthu, T. Cleared for Asian Games by Sports Ministry.

Pathak, Ram. Died in Nagpur at 85.

27 **Chhajlani, Abhay.** Elected President of INS.

Krishan Mohan. Appointed Director of Public Relations of Haryana Govt.

Malik, M.S. Appointed member of EB by Asian Sports Federation.

Muthurarman, B. Won Tata Gold Medal by the Indian Institute of Metals.

Sharma, M.K. Elected President of the Indian Soap and Toiletries Makers' Association.

Sharma, Ravi Kant. Surrendered before CJM, Ambala.

Tejpal, Tarun. Granted bail by a Delhi court in the defamation case of Ms. Jaitley.

Tejpal, Tarun. Alleges victimisation by NDA government.

28 **Kalsia, R.L.** Appointed Punjab Tourism MD.

Kang, Manjinder Singh. Arrested on charges of corruption.

Khan, Salman. Booked in hit and run case, and bailed out.

Kulbir Singh. Died in Chandigarh at 84.

Prem Singh (Chaudhary) Delhi Speaker honoured by New Jersey Assembly.

29 **Ali, Imam.** Killed by police in Bangalore.

Azad, Kirti Jha. Charged for ransacking electricity office.

George, Shobhana. Accused in forged letter case.

Jaisingh, Hari. Awarded LMA-Munjal award.

Jhunjhunwala, Ashok (Prof.) Won H.K. Firodia Award for S&T, 2002.

Pillai,Dhanraj. Honoured, flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of Busan Asian Games.

30 **Maran, Murasoli.** Flown to Houston (US) for treatment of heart.

Raunaq Singh. Died in New Delhi at 79.

Sharma, Ved. Arrested in Shivani murder case.

Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh. His petition dismissed for quashing FIR against him.

October

2 **Kapildeo Singh.** Died in New Delhi.

3 **Chabria, Vidya.** Stands 44th among Fortune Magazine's 50 most influential women.

George, Shobhana. Arrested in foged intelligence report case.

Gopalaswamy, N. Appointed Home Secretary, GOI.

4 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Attacked by an armed intruder.

Banerjee, B.N. Died in Kolkata.

Bijlani, S.K. Elected Chairman of CII (NR).

Dixit, J.N. Joined Congress Party.

5 **Aman Nath.** His book *Dome over India* was released in Britain.

Behari, O.P. Died in Mumbai after prolonged illness.

Jain, N.S. (Dr) Vidya Jain murder mastermind died.

6 **Setalvad, Teeta.** Won the International Nuremberg Human Rights Prize, 2003.

7 **Amirtanandamayi (Mata)** Awarded Gandhi-King award.

George, Anju Bobby. Won Gold Medal in Asian Games.

Khan, Salman. Arrested in hit and run case, after tougher charge was slapped on him.

Khan, Salman. Charged with culpable homicide.

Nengroo, Bashir Ahmad. Roughed up by Army personnel in Srinagar.

Vani, P.D. Arrested in examination scandal.

8 **Bahadur Singh.** Won Gold medal at the 14th Asian Games.

Beenamol, K.M. Won 800 mt at the 14th Asian Games.

Heptullah, Najma (Dr) Appointed IPU Honorary President for life.

Kurkur, Abdul Razzak. Arrested in Godhara's Signal Falia area.

Madhvankulty, V.K. Awarded Swadeshabhimani Award.

Mir, Javed Ahmed. Arrested to foil anti-poll demonstrations.

Valiathan, M.S. (Dr) Won H.K. Firodia Award for S&T, 2002.

9 **Lamai, Mangal Singh.** Died of heart attack at Thrivata village.

Yunus, Mohammad (Dr.) Died in Delhi at 57 of cardiac ailment.

10 **Beri, Ritu.** Applauded in Paris by Models.

Dixit, N.S. (Dr) Won Lifetime Achievement Award.

Narayananmurthy, N.R. Named as Ernst and Young (E&Y) Entrepreneur of 2002.

Paul, Santinath. Arrested SHCIL MD and IndusInd V-P.

Raju, B. Ramalinga. Awarded Asia Business Leader Award 2002.

Randhawa, Gurbachan Singh. Appointed Sports Advisor to V-C Punjabi University.

Saha, Saraswati. Won Gold Medal at Busan Asaid in Women's 200 m.

Sharma, G.K. Died in Bahrain at 67.

Sharma, Mithilesh Kumar. Appointed D-G of Forests.

Singh, Neelam. Won women's discus gold at the Busan Asaid.

Sunita Rani. Won women's 1500 mt, breaking previous record.

11 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Celebrates his 60th birthday.

Gaud, B.V. Arrested in Rs. 150 crore Calcutta Stock Exchange scam.

Muthiah, A.C. (Dr) Elected President of FICCI.

Pathak, Dina. Died in Mumbai at 82.

Sharma, Vaikunt. Died in Kanpur at 102.

12 **Gopichand, Pullela.** Lost to South Korea's Seung Mo Shon.

Langah, Sucha Singh. Gets bail in criminal and corruption cases.

Phadnis, Umashankar. Died in New Delhi at 78.

13 **Rajnikant.** On fast in Chennai for release of Cauvery water.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Talks of double standard to measure terroism by West.

14 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Elected Leader of J&K Legislature of Congress Party.

Dutt, Sanjay. Premitted to go abroad.

Khan, Salman. Bail denied and sent to judicial custody.

Roy, Binod Kumar (Justice) Sworn in as Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana HC.

15 **Besra, Monica.** Cured by offering prayers to Mother Teresa.

Jarnail Singh (Dr) His registration suspended by the Britain's GMC.

Pherurai, Gurcharan Singh. Arrested in Moga.

16 **Bhandari, Romesh.** Joins Janta Dal (Secular)

Chandrasekhar, B.S. Castrol Lifetime Achievement Award.

Nanhen Mian. Arrested from Rampur (U.P.)

Sarna, Navtej. Appointed MEA Spokeman.

17 **Nautiyal, Nand Kishore.** Appointed Chairman of Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple.

Rajan, Y.S. (Dr) Appointed V-C of Punjab Technical University.

Thackeray, Bal. Case filed against him under Sec 153 A of IPC.

Verma, Laxmikant. Died in Allahabad at 80.

18 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Completes 20,000 runs.

19 **Garcha, Jagdish Singh.** Arrested on the charges of corruption.

Paswan, Ram Vilas. Arrested while protesting against lynching of five Dalit youths.

Singh, M.D. Appointed Police Commissioner of Bangalore.

Togadia, Praveen. Criticised for describing Sonia Gandhi as a dog from Italy.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Launched cellular service of BSNL in Lucknow.

20 **Chopra, Vinod.** Died in Bhopal.

21 **Harbhajan Singh (Dr)** Died in New Delhi at 83.

Khan, Salman. Charge-sheeted listing 10 offences in hit and run case.

Rajput, B.S. (Prof.) Accused of plagiarism.

24 **Krishna, S.M.** Found guilty of contempt of court.

25 **Gupta, Jawahar Lal (Justice)** Appointed CJ of Kerala HC.

25 **Rai, Ramasish.** Suspended by BJP for anti-party activities.

26 **Sayeed, Mufti Mohammed.** To be the CM of J&K of coalition of PDP and Congress.

27 **Gill, K.P.S.** Honoured by Pandit K. Santanam Smarak Samiti.

Ramamurthy, Vazhapadi K. Died in Chennai at 62 of heart attack.

28 **Krishna, S.M.** Tendered apology to Supreme Court for not complying with its orders.

30 **Raval, Kirti N.** Appointed Solicitor-General of India.

Swaminathan, M.S. (Dr) Won Toda Award for Peace Achievement.

31 **Goel, Aruna (Prof.)** Appointed as UGC member.

Gupta, Harsh. Retires as H.P. Chief Secretary.

Kalwani, Govind. Suspended as Dy Registrar of Rajasthan HC.

Khosla, Ashok (Dr) Won Sasakawa Environment Prize of 2002.

Ramachandran, M.S. Elected to the Board of World LPG Association.

November

1 **Bhattacharya, Rajinder Kumari.** Appointed Chief Secretary to HP Govt.

Ghatak, Shanti Ranjan. Died in Kolkata at 82.

Karnik, Shashi Kant (Dr) MPSC ex-chief granted bail in recuritment scam.

Sharma, Subhash. Appointed Vice-Chairman of DDA.

Singh, Parminder Mandip. Appointed Chairperson of NDMC.

2 **Mishra, K.C.** Appointed Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Shahi, B.N., Lt. Gen. Appointed D-G of Armed Forces Medical Services.

Sharma, Mangat Ram. Sworn in as Dy Chief Minister of J&K.

3 **Hari Krishna (Dr)** Revealed reality of encounter at the Ansal Plaza basement.

Khan, Feroz. Won Teachers' Achievement Award.

Krishna Bharat. World's first automated news-site creater.

Singh, Raghuraj Pratap. Arrested on the charges of criminal intimidation.

5 **Raza, Sayed Haider.** Won Dayawati Modi Award.

6 **Jadhav, Rani.** Appointed Chairperson of Mumbai Port Trust.

Joginder Singh. Died in Kokata at 63.

7 **Nayak, Bibhuti Bhushan.** Achieved place in *Guiness Book of World Records*.

8 **Fazli, Nida.** Awarded Ghalib Award for Urdu poetry.

Jagdish Singh. Arrested in three cases, including smuggling of poppy husk.

Pattanaik, Gopal Ballav (Justice) Sworn in Chief Justice of India.

9 **Goel, Ashok, Air Marshal.** Appointed I-G Flight safety.

11 **Sunita Rani.** Cleared of charges of consuming banned drugs by AAFI.

Masood, Rashid. Probe by CBI against him was sanctioned.

12 **Atwal, Satwant.** Appointed Police Chief of Una district (H.P.)

Badungar, Kirpal Singh. Elected as SGPC Chief.

Sharma, Dev Raj. Sworn in as Chairman of H.P. Public Service Commission.

13 **Purwar, A.K.** Appointed SBI Chief.

Rao, Kaloji Narayan. Died in Hyderabad at 88.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Announced Rs. 500 crore corpus for plantation sector.

14 **Dutt, Sunil.** Won Satpaul Mittal Award.

Harika, Charanjiv Singh, Brig. (Retd.) Appointed Chairman of PSSSB.

Manohar Singh. Film actor died in Delhi at 64.

Mattoo, Amitabh (Prof.) Appointed V-C of Jammu University.

Negi, O.N. (Prof.) Elected President of India Orthopaedic Association.

Raju, V.K. Gets Humaitarian Service Award of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

15 **Krishnakumar, Asha.** Won 2002 Lorenzo Natali Prize for Journalism.

Hinduja, Gopichand. Charged in Bofors case.

Mann, Simranjit Singh. Bail granted in an 11-year old TADA case.

16 **Mathew, Mammen.** Appointed Reuters trustee.

Togadia, Praveen. Entry banned to Godhra.

17 **Mirza, Sania.** Won $ 10,000 ITF women's circuit tennis tournament in Manila.

Rajendra Babu, S. Is to examine cases of three Judges of Punjab and Haryana HC.

Sethi, Arjun. Elected BJD LS leader.

Togadia, Praveen. Arrested for leading 300 activists to Godhra.

Khurana, S.M. P. Elected Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Bundela, Raja. Assaulted by Bajrang Dal activists in Bhopal.

18 **Jai Gopal (Dr)** Elected Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

19 **Chautala, Om Prakash.** Honoured with honorary citizenship of Dallas (Texas).

21 **Chattarpati, Ram Chander.** Attacked near Sirsa and died at Apollo Hospital, Delhi,

Tara Chand. Elected Speaker of J&K Assembly.

Veerappan. Gives ultimatum of 12 days for saving Nagappa's life.

22 **Manmohan Singh.** Appointed Chairman, Institution of Development Studies, Jaipur.

Mishra, Akhilesh. Died in Lucknow at 79.

Narasimhan, S.V. Appointed MD of CPCL.

Nayudu, C.S. Died in Indore at 88.

23 **Badal, Gurdev Singh.** Arrested under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Dinakar, C. Reveals about Rs. 20 crore ransom paid to Veerappan by S.M. Krishna.

Katara, Nitish. Charges farmed against Vikas Yadav and others in Nitish murder case.

Rane, Narayan. His house attacked by NCP workers.

Venkataswami, K. (Justice). Resigned as head of the Tehelka Inquiry Commission and Chairman of the Authority on Advance Ruling on Customs and Excise.

24 **Bhupathi, Mahesh.** Married Model Shewata Jaishankar in Mumbai.

Manjrekar, Mahesh. Preparing film on Laloo Prasad Yadav.

Udit Raj. Launched a political party–Justice Party.

25 **Bandopadhyaya, Padma.** Appointed as first woman AVM.

Kidwai, Nainalal. Among world's top 15 business influentials.

Pillai, Dhanraj. Manhandeled the umpires of the Nehru Cup Hockey Tournament.

Rayudu, Ambati Tirupati. Scored double century is Ranji Trophy.

Sawant, P.B. (Justice) Discusses the Report of the Concerned Citizens' Tribunal.

26 **Bundela Raja.** Bailed out in stage-managed assault on himself.

27 **Keshav Chandra.** Appointed DRM of NR at Ambala Cantt.

Suman, Shivmangal Singh (Dr) Died in Ujjain.

28 **Mani, T.S.** Granted bail in three cases.

Shastri, Vishnu Kant. Defended by Deputy PM for his role as Governor of U.P.

Shrivastava, Onkar Nath. Died in London at 70.

Vashishtha, R.K. Appointed MD of LIC.

29 **Bhattal, Rajinder K.** Charged with embezzlement of Rs. 20 lakh of CM's Relief Fund.

Sidhu, Ravinder Pal S. Bail plea rejected by Punjab and Haryana HC in PPSC case.

30 **Jain, P.K.** Elected PHD CCI Chief.

Mani, T.S. Bail rejected by Kollegal Magistrate Court.

Pratap Singh (Giani) Sentenced to five years imprisonment.

December

1 **Singh, Rajnath.** Injured in road accident in North Gujarat.

Thungon, P.K. Prosecution allowed for involvement in irrigation scam in Nagaland.

Veerabhadraiah, N.S. (Justice) Accused of his involvement in a sex scandal.

2 **Harbhajan Singh (Cricketer).** Fined 200 NZ dollars for entering NZ with dirty shoes.

Parekh, Ketan. Arrested in 120 crore payment case.

Pathan, M.A. Won Project Management Associates Fellowship Award 2002.

Pranesh, Lakshmi. Appointed Chief Secretary of Tamil Nandu.

Sharma, Manu. Bail extended in the Jessica Lal murder case.

Sukavanesvar. Appointed Chairman TN Small Industries Development Corporation.

3 **Bhardwaj, R.N.** Took charge as MD of LIC.

Jaitley, Jaya. Her petition against *Tehelka* was dismissed.

Lohani, Ashwini. Removed as CMD of ITDC.

Patel, Jaideep. Attacked Gujarat VHP general-secretary.

Singh, Virbhadra. Granted bail in the Khair wood allotment case.

Verma, J.S. Calls for humane governance.

4 **James, J.M. (Justice)** Assaulted a motorcyclist.

Pathak, K.N. (Prof.) Won Goyal Prize 2001.

5 **Sharma, Nagendar (Dr)** Appointed Director of NDRI, Karnal.

11 **Gill, J.S.** Appointed Secretary, Ministry of Steel, GOI.

12 **Sidhu, Kirpal Singh (Dr)** Won the Lifetime Achievement Award of STOX, India.

13 **Kaul, C.L. (Dr)** Awarded Eminent Pharmacist Award 2002.

Malik, M.S. Appointed head, V.B. advisory board.

14 **Chopra, Yash.** Honoured with Dada Saheb Phalke Award.

21 **Nagappa, H.** Killed by forest brigand Veerappan, after taking him hostage.

Sankhdher, M.M. (Prof.) Died in Delhi at 74 of heart failure.

23 **Gill, Saudagar Singh.** Extradited to Canada.

Jain, N.K. Arrested in Chandigarh for hatching a conspirarcy.

24 **Amrita Pritam.** Awarded Rs. one lakh by Rupa and Company.

Madhavendra Singh (Admiral) Appointed Chairman of CSC.

Mallikarjun. Died in Hyderabad.

25 **Dharmani, Rajesh.** Appointed HP Congress Secretary.

Singh, J.J. GOC-in-C, Army Training Command, Shimla.

26 **Nirmal Singh.** Appointed President of the J&K unit of BJP.

Qureshi, Hashim. Charged with hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Launched Rs. 15000 crore Rashtriya Rail Vikas Yojana.

27 **Chaube.** Appointed DG of ITBP.

Gupta, Sanjay. Injured in a road mishap.

Karn, Ashok. HT photo-journalist kidnapped near Nalanda (Bihar).

Patel, Mangalbhai (Prof.) Elected Speaker of Gujarat Legislative Assembly.

Qureshi, Inayat Hussain. Elected Chairman of Chisti Dargah Committee.

28 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Appointed Chairman of Coordination Committee of J&K Govt.

Karn, Ashok. Released at a village in Nalanda dist.

Mashelkar, R.A. (Dr) Awarded Dababhai Naoraji Memorial Award, 2002.

Mirdha, Hadibandhu. Orissa PSC Chief suspended.

Sharma, A.K. Reinstated as Mehsana SP.

Tata, Ratan. Stepped down as Chairman of the Tata Group.

Thakshinamurthy. Sentenced to five years RI and a fine of Rs. 42 lakh.

29 **Arun Prakash, Admiral.** Appointed Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Naval Command.

Bhangara, S.S., Admiral. Appointed Commandant, NDA, Khadakvasla.

Jain, Nirmal Kumar. Granted Justice after 24 year.

30 **Barnala, Surjit Singh.** Sworn in as Governor of A.P.

Vaiko Gopalasamy, Y. Charge-sheeted for pro-LTTE speech.

31 **Choudhary, Sudhindra Bhushan.** Died in Kolkata.

Husain, M.F. His'Lightning' fetched Rs. two crore.

Veerappan. Reward enhanced from Rs. 2 to 5 crore on his head.

Vij, N.C. (Lt. Gen.) Appointed Chief of Army Staff.

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ACHIEVED

January

19 **Deol, Sunny.** Best actor position.
Kajol. Best actress award at the 8th *Screen* Awards.

27 **Narayanamurthy, N.R.** Among the World's top 25 businessmen.

28 **Sehwag, Virendra.** His hurricane knock of 82 demolished England.

February

9 **Rajaram**. Designed anti-collision device for trains.

12 **Tendulkar, Sachin**. Replaced Michael Bevan as the No. 1.

March

2 **Premji, Azim.** 41st position in the *Forbes*' list and the top one among five Indians in it.

24 **Manmohan Singh.** Most sought after cameraman of film industry.

29 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Equaled Sir Don Bradman's tally with his 29th Test century.

April

25 **Bhansali, Sanjay Leela.** His *Devdas* makes it to Cannes.

May

2 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Sir Garfield Sobers puts him ahead of Lara.

June

1 **Satbir Singh.** Created record in 400 mtrs at 42nd National Inter-State Athletic Championship.

8 **Patel, Parthiv.** Youngest-ever Test keeper.

12 **Vedapathak, Anjali.** Ranked World No. 1 in women's 10 m air rifle event.

18 **Chakraborty, Manindra.** Makes documentary on Howrah.

July

25 **Harlalka, Shaleen.** Developed equipment to destroy landmines.

August

3 **Kaif, Mohammad.** Excellent batting in Natwest Trophy and against Zimbabwe.

20 **Raj, Mithali.** A World record by making 214 runs in the Third Test against England.

23 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** With 30th Test century, outdid Bradman.
Thaninathan, Geetha. Passed GCSE in London at 6.

28 **Chowdhury, Bula.** 1st Asian woman to cross the Cataline Channel (USA).

September

8 **Humpy, Koneru.** Conferred GM norm by FIDE.

11 **Manoharan, V.** Rewarded for honesty.

12 **Ganguly, Taniya.** Creates record in spring board diving.

13 **Bedi, Kiran.** Heads the list of 100 outstanding women.
Dravid, Rahul. Top spot in the Ceat Cricket rating of 2002-03.

19 **Khosla, Vinod.** 391st richest American in *Forbes*' list.

October

3 **Chabria, Vidya.** Stands 44th among the *Fortune* magazine's 50 most influential women.

10 **Beri, Ritu.** Applauded in Paris by Models.

16 **Chandrasekhar, B.S.** Castrol Lifetime Achievement Award.

18 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Completes 20,000 runs.

November

3 **Krishna Bharat.** Developed World's first automated newssite.

7 **Nayak, Bibhuti Bhushan.** Place in the *Guiness Book of World Records*.

25 **Kidwai, Naina Lal.** Among World's top 15 business influentials.

Rayudu, Ambati Tirupati. Scored doubled century in the Ranji Trophy.

ACQUITTED

March

15 **Buta Singh.** In the JMM MPs bribery case, by Delhi HC.

Narsimha Rao, P.V. By Delhi HC in the JMM MPs bribery case.

August

6 **Singh, J.W.** In a case of extortion and links with the underworld.

APOLOGISED

March

30 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** For his grandfather who honoured Gen. Dyer after the tragedy of Jallianwala Bagh.

April

17 **Shanta Kumar.** To the BJP High Command for criticising Narendra Modi.

APPOINTED

January

8 **Dutta, Shyamal.** Govenor of Nagaland.

24 **Katju, Vivek.** India's envoy to Afghanistan.

28 **Vij, N.C. (Lt. Gen.).** Colonel of Dogra Regiment.

30 **Bhagwati, P.N.** Chancellor of LBS Sanskrit Vidyapeeth.

31 **Biswas, S.N.** Chief Secretary of Bihar State.

February

1 **Bloeria, Sudhir S. (Dr)** Chief Secretary of J&K State.

Gill, Tejwinder Jit Singh (Lt. Gen.) D-G Ordnance Services.

Kundra, A.K. (Dr) Mines Secretary, GOI.

7 **Pathak, R.S. (Justice)** President of The *Tribune* Trust.

13 **Mooshahary, Ranjit Shekar.** NSG chief.

21 **Bajpai, G.N.** SEBI chief.

23 **Dora, H.J.** D-G CISF.

25 **Amarnathan, L.C.** D-G of the Bureau for Police R&D.

March

1 **Acharya, Krishan Kumar.** Judge of the Rajasthan High Court.
Bansal, Fateh Chand. Additional Judge of the Rajasthan High Court.
Bhatnagar, P.S. Chairman of the Public Grievances Commission.
Harbhagwan Singh. Punjab Advocate-General.
Mohanty, Pradeep Kumar. Additional Judge of Orissa HC.
Ramesundram, Archana. Joint Director of CBI.
Thapiyal, R.K. Chief General Manager of SBI.
5 **Davar, Kamal (Lt. Gen.)** D-G Defence Intelligence Agency ; DCIDS (Intelligence).
15 **Bhangu, G.S.** Chief coach by the Indian Women Hockey Federation.
24 **Das, P.M.** IGP of India Reserve Battalion.
26 **Negi, S.S. (Dr.)** V.C. of YSP University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan.
31 **Rana, I.I.M.S.** Chairman of Railway Board.

April

1 **Ramachandran, M.S.** IOC Chairman.
2 **Subbu, B.V.R.** President of the Hyundai Motor India.
10 **Nagi, O.N. (Prof.)** Dean of PGIMER, Chandigarh.
11 **Dhillon, Uttam.** US House Policy Director.
Singh, S.V. DGP, Home Guards & Civil Defence.
13 **Kirpal, Bhupinder Nath (Justice)** Chief Justice of India.
15 **Upadhyaya, L.K.** Director, Film and Television Institute of India.
23 **Arjan Singh.** The first Marshal of IAF.
Garg, A.S. (Justice) One-man Commission of Enquiry.
25 **Chadha, G.K. (Prof.)** Vice-Chancellor of JNU.
26 **Sibal, Kanwal.** Foreign Secretary of GOI.
29 **Natarajan, A., Lt. Gen.** Adjutant-General at AHQ.
30 **Nambiar, V.K.** India's Permanent Representative to U.N.

May

2 **Gill, K.P.S.** Security Advisor to CM Gujarat.
Singh, Rajnath. Chief of BJP of U.P. unit.
4 **Chaudhary, Pradeep.** Member of HPSC.
5 **Sangwan, Bimla.** Chairperson of the Haryana Women Development Corporation.
17 **Tiwana, Iqbal Singh.** Secretary of SAD by Parkash Singh Badal.
8 **Ahmed, Naseem.** VC of AMU.
Natarajan, D.N. Air Vice-Marshal (Retd.). V.C. of HNB Garhwal University.
13 **Gauri Kumar.** Chief of National Institute of Fashion Technology.
20 **Gandhi, A.R. (Air Marshal)** AOC-in-C of Strategic WAC.
23 **Bagga, D.S.** Chief Secretary to UP Govt.
25 **Dutt, Sunil.** Head of the *Sadbhavana Ke Sipahi*.

June

1 **Tharoor, Shashi (Dr)** Under-Secretary-General of U.N.
4 **Ambani, Mukesh.** IPCL Chairman.
Pant, Girijesh (Prof.) V-C of Guru Ghasidas University.
5 **Reddy, Satish.** MD of Dr Reddy's Lab.

6 **Vyas, V.S. (Dr)** On Expert Panel for consultation on WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

7 **Chaturvedi, Naresh.** MD of FCI.

11 **Arora, Balvir.** Rector of JNU of Delhi.
Arora, Sunil. Chariman and M.D. of the Indian Airlines.

12 **Bhasin, Harsh.** India's High Commissioner to Pakistan.
Dutta-Ghosh, Meenakshi. Chief of the National AIDS Control Organisation.

13 **Banik, Somesh (Dr)** Secretary of the Animal Welfare Board of India.

14 **Devarajan, S.** President of MAIT.

17 **Kumble, Anil.** Brand Ambassador of Indigo Nation.

18 **Chauhan, Mool Chand.** Chef-de-Mission for Commonwealth Games.
Gautam, P.L. (Dr) V-C of G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar.
Inder Singh. Chief Information Officer of Visa Int.
Purohit, Apurva. Zee TV President.
Tytler, Jagdish. Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent for the Asian Games in Busan.

21 **Dutta, Subir.** Defence Secretary, GOI.
Nair, P.M. Secretary, Dept. of Defence Production and Supplies GOI.
Shankar, P. Secretary, Planning Commission.

24 **Katiyar, Vinay.** President of UP BJP unit.

25 **Mohan, S.L.** CMD of the Oriental Insurance.
Thakur, S.P. Director of Haryana Police Housing Corporation.

26 **Mahajan, Vijay (Dr.)** Dean of ISB, Hyderabad.

27 **Dhaliwal, Daljit.** CNN's anchor woman.

28 **Sridhar, N.V.** CMD of the Pawan Hans.

29 **Advani, L.K.** Deputy Prime Minister of India.
Kohli, Pawan Deep Singh (Dr) Hony. Radiologist to the President.

30 **Antony, A.K.** Member of Inter-State Council.
Sacchan, Krishna Kumar (Dr) BSP President of UP unit.

July

1 **Gupta, R.S.** Police Commissioner of Delhi.
Namboodiri, Badri Prasad. Chief priest of Badrinath Shrine.
Sibal, Kanwal. Foreign Secretary, GOI.
Venkaiah Naidu, M. BJP President.

3 **Singh, Ajay Kumar.** President of UPCC.

4 **Zahed, M.S.** Chairman & M.D. of HMT.

5 **Nair, P.S.** Director, I.G. International Airport.
Singh, D.P. (Prof.) V.C. of JNKVV, Jabalpur.

6 **Gursharan Singh.** Asiad umpire.

8 **Sethumadhavan, K.S.** Chairman of the 49th National Film Awards and Indian Panorama.

9 **Narayan, S.** Finance Secretary, GOI.

11 **Mathur, A.N.** Chief Secretary of the Haryana Govt.

12 **Khurana, Madan Lal.** President of BJP Delhi unit.
Kuldip Singh (Justice) Chairman of the Delimitation Commission.

22 **Jaitley, Arun.** Interlocutor on J&K.

25 **Jugran, Dinesh Chandra.** D-G of M.P. Police.

26 **Aggarwal, R.C.** Coordinator for J&K Assembly elections.

August

2 **Mansingh, Lalit.** D-G Foreign Trade.

7 **Arora, N.K.** Member of Punjab State HRC.
Khan, S.M. Press Secretary to the President of India.

13 **Jagat, Gurbachan.** Member of UPSC.

16 **Ganeshwar Rao, Y.** Captain of India's Under-19 Cricket team.
Mathur, S.B. Chairman of LIC.

18 **Hanspal, H.S.** President of Punjab PCC.

19 **Nagi, O.N. (Prof.)** Trustee of Assoc. of Osteosynthesis.

21 **Lahiri, Ashok.** Chief Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Finance, GOI.

22 **Sengupta, Prabir.** D-G of IIFT, New Delhi.

23 **Boparai, Swarn Singh.** V-C of Punjabi University, Patiala.
Malhotra, Haribaksh Rai. Additional Judge of Delhi HC.
Shrivastava, Akhil Kumar. Additional Judge of MP High Court.

26 **Bastein, Michael.** CMD of the Syndicate Bank.
Geete, Anant. Cabinet Minister, GOI.

28 **Mishra, U.S.** Special Director of CBI.

31 **Mehta, L.M.** Secretary Youth Affairs and Sports, GOI.

September

2 **Kapur, M.S.** CMD of Vijaya Bank.

6 **Kapil Dev.** Brand ambassador to Kinetic.

11 **Mohan, Rakesh.** Deputy Governor of RBI.

12 **Scindia, Vasundhara Raje.** Chief of Rajasthan BJP unit.

16 **Gujral, N.S.** Stock Exchange Director.
Narula, M.C. MD of ACC.

19 **Sinha, Nishi Kant.** Secretary, Planning Commission.

20 **Sorot, G.S.** Member Secretary of the Second Finance Commission.
Vohra, V.J.S. (Dr.) Prosthetic Advisor to Punjab Government.

23 **Nair, Sathi.** Chief Secretary, Govt. of A.P.

26 **Dalal, M.K.** CMD of the Engineers India Ltd.

27 **Krishan Mohan.** Director of Public Relations of Haryana Govt.
Malik, M.S. Member of EB by Asian Sports Federation.

28 **Kalsia, R.L.** Punjab Tourism M.D.

October

3 **Gopalaswamy, N.** Home Secretary, GOI.

8 **Heptullah, Najma (Dr)** IPU Honorary President for life.

10 **Randhawa, Gurbachan Singh.** Sports Advisor to V-C Punjabi University.
Sharma, Mithilesh Kumar. D-G of Forests.

16 **Sarna, Navtej.** MEA Spokesman.

17 **Nautiyal, Nand Kishore.** Chairman of Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple.
Rajan, Y.S. (Dr.) V-C of Punjab Technical University.
19 **Singh, M.D.** Police Commissioner of Bangalore.
25 **Gupta, Jawahar Lal (Justice)** CJ of Kerala HC.
30 **Raval, Kirit N.** Solicitor-General of India.
31 **Goel, Aruna (Prof.)** UGC member.

November

1 **Bhattacharya, Rajinder Kumari.** Chief Secretary to HP Govt.
Sharma, Subhash. Vice-Chairman of DDA.
Singh, Parminder Mandip. Chairperson of NDMC.
2 **Mishra, K.C.** Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests, GOI.
Shahi, B.N., Lt. Gen. D-G of Armed Forces Medical Services.
6 **Jadhav, Rani.** Chairperson of Mumbai Port Trust.
9 **Goel, Ashok, Air Marshal.** I-G Flight Safety.
12 **Atwal, Satwant.** Police Chief of Una District (H.P.).
13 **Purwar, A.K.** SBI Chief.
14 **Harika, Charanjiv Singh, Brig. (Retd.)** Chairman of PSSSB.
Matto, Amitabh (Prof.) V-C of Jammu University.
16 **Mathew, Mammen.** Reuters trustee.
22 **Manmohan Singh, (Dr.)** Chairman of the Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur.
Narasimhan, S.V. MD of CPCL.
25 **Bandopadhyaya, Padma.** First woman AVM.
27 **Keshav Chandra.** DRM of NR at Ambala Cantt.
28 **Vashishtha, R.K.** MD of LIC.

December

2 **Pranesh, Lakshmi.** Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu.
Sukavanesvar. Chairman TN Small Industries Development Corporation.
3 **Bhardwaj, R.N.** MD of LIC.
5 **Sharma, Nagendar (Dr)** Director of NDRI, Karnal.
11 **Gill, J.S.** Secretary, Ministry of Steel, GOI.
13 **Malik, M.S.** Head, V.B. Advisory Board.
24 **Madhavendra Singh (Admiral).** Chairman of CSC.
25 **Dharmani, Rajesh.** HP Congress Secretary.
Singh, J.J., Lt. Gen. GOC-in-C, Army Training Command, Shimla.
26 **Nirmal Singh.** President of the J&K unit of BJP.
27 **Chaube.** DG of IBP.
28 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Chairman of Coordination Committee of Coalition Govt. of J&K.
29 **Arun Prakash, Admiral.** Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Western Naval Command.
Bhangara, S.S., Admiral. Commandant, NDA, Khadakvasla.
31 **Vij, N.C. (Lt. Gen.)** Chief of Army Staff.

ARRESTED

January

8 **Banthia, V.S.** For amassing wealth through corruption.

February

10 **Ansari, Aftab.** UAE deported and CBI got him.

18 **Thete, Ramesh.** While taking a bribe of Rs. one lakh.

22 **Yadav, Vikas.** For alleged kidnapping and murdering Nitish Katara.

March

17 **Sujela, Haji Bilal Ismail.** Under POTO.

25 **Malik, Yaseen.** In Srinagar.

27 **Saroj Rani.** In a rape case filed against J.S. Ahluwalia.

April

2 **Agarwala, J.P.** For molesting his 11-year old daughter.

20 **Bhaniara, Piara Singh.** Detained under the National Security Act.

May

2 **Chinna, Surinderpal Singh.** On kickback charges.

5 **Badra, Noman.** SIMI's UP chief held in Lucknow.

9 **Madan Lal.** In bribe case.

14 **Agarwal, Sanjay.** For involvement in NDCCB Scam. Home Trade Trust.

25 **Agarwal, Sanjay.** Home Trade CEO in CBI custody for a fraud case.

28 **Babu Bajarangi.** By crime branch of Gujarat police alongwith other accused for Naroda carnage.

31 **Raman, G.** For bio-fertilizer purchase Scam.

June

6 **Ahmed, Ateeq.** UP MLA and Apna Dal Chief.

9 **Geelani, Ali Shah.** Under POTA.

10 **Dhananjay Singh.** Under the Gangster Act in Lucknow.

12 **Verma, R.A.** For possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

13 **Mann, Zora Singh.** For theft and assault.

14 **Tota Singh.** By Punjab VB on the charges of corruption.

18 **Geelani, Iftikhar Ali.** And remanded to judicial custody.

18 **Thaker, Amit.** For attacking Medha Patkar at Sabarmati Ashram.

21 **Sushil Prakash.** Under POTA for aiding militants.

24 **Bedi, Kuldip Singh.** By Mohali Police in Sidhu's PPSC scam case.

25 **Mishra, D.K.** In a bribe case.

July

3 **Badal, Kumar.** Tehelka scribe arrested by CBI for poaching.

6 **Pritpal Singh.** Former Secretary of PPSC.

7 **Qadri, Yusuf Suleman.** In Delhi.

8 **Randhawa, Kulbir Singh.** On corruption charges and for amassing wealth.

11 **Vaiko Gopalasamy, Y.** In Chennai for supporting LTTE.

14 **Kanik, Shashikant (Dr)** Maharashtra PSC Chief in recuitment scam.

26 **Chowdhary, Dinesh.** In fake caste certificate case.

August

3 **Sanijvan, Ruprah.** For his links with Al-Qaida.
7 **Bahal, Anirudh.** For manhandling CBI personnel.
8 **Gurbux Singh.** After a drunken brawl in London.
9 **Kohar, Ajit Singh.** On the charges of corruption.
9 **Verma, Ram Kumar.** For the murder of a senior lawyer.
22 **Sharma, R.K.** On rape charges.
27 **Jain, Sharda.** In Atma Ram Gupta murder case.
29 **Dhanwant Singh, Baba.** On a rape case.
Kulwinder Kaur. For causing communal disharmony.
Singh, Brahmeshwar. In Patna, being Ranvir Sena Chief.

September

2 **Akhilesh Singh.** Expelled from Congress Party and was arrested.
5 **Harish Kumar.** Absconding IPS officer.
11 **De Silva, Melvin (Father).** For sodomising his students.
11 **Yadav, Dharamvir Singh (Dr.)** In a corruption case.
15 **Tripathi, N.P.** As IT D-G for abusing his official position and causing a loss of Rs. 63 lakh to the State.
17 **Tikait, Mahendra Singh.** In Rampur District.
23 **Mech, Ramu.** From a private nursing home in Dibrugarh district.
24 **Yadav, Rajballabh.** By police in Patna, alongwith his associates.
28 **Kang, Manjinder Singh.** On charges of corruption.
30 **Sharma, Ved.** In Shivani Bhatnagar murder case.

October

3 **George, Shobhana.** In forged intelligence report case.
7 **Khan, Salman.** In hit and run case, after tougher charges were slapped on him.
Vani, P.D. In examination scandal.
8 **Kurkur, Abdul Razzak.** In Godhara's Signal Falia area.
8 **Mir, Javed Ahmed.** To foil anti-poll demonstrations.
10 **Paul, Santinath.** SHCIL MD and IndusInd V-P in a fraud case.
11 **Gaud, B.V.** In Rs. 150 crore Calcutta Stock Exchange scam.
15 **Pherurai, Gurcharan Singh.** In Moga.
16 **Nanhen Mian.** From Rampur (UP).
19 **Garcha, Jagdish Singh.** On the charges of corruption.
19 **Paswan, Ram Vilas.** While protesting against lynching of five Dalit youths.

November

3 **Singh, Raghuraj Pratap (Raja Bhaiya).** On the charges of criminal intimidation.
8 **Jagdish Singh.** In three cases including smuggling of poppy husk.
17 **Togadia, Praveen.** For leading 300 activists to Godhra.
23 **Badal, Gurdev Singh.** Under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

December

2 **Parekh, Ketan.** In Rs. 120 crore payment case.
23 **Jain, N.K.** In Chandigarh for hatching conspiracy.

AWARDED

January

4 **Bhatnagar, Rajendra Mohan.** National Samar Memorial Award 2001.

9 **Mahajan, Pramod.** IT man of the year.

26 **Harcharan Singh, Lt. Gen.** Param Vashisht Seva Medal.
Mahendra, Keshub. Padma Bhushan award.

March

8 **Chundawat, Laxi Kumari.** Honorary doctorate degree by KOU.

16 **Jasraj (Pandit).** Saraswati Award in Nasik.

26 **Bhavani, Adoor.** The Mathrubhoomi-Medimix Chalachitra Sapariya Award.

April

20 **Joshi, Chand Kaur**. Sahitya Pratibha Award 2002.

May

25 **Atre, Prabha.** By Mumbai-based Federation of Associations of Maharashtra.

June

11 **Bhanwat, Mahendra.** Fellowship of the Rajashthan Sangeet Natak Academy.

13 **Rao, Calyampudi R.** National Medal of S&T by US President.

22 **Paul, Swraj (Lord).** Honorary degree by Moscow State University of Management.

26 **Azad, K.C.** Rattan Award of Global Economic Council.

July

1 **Mander, Harsh.** M.A. Thomas National HR Award, 2002.

23 **Kapil Dev.** Wisden Indian Cricketer of the Century.

August

14 **Surinder Singh, Subedar.** Ashok Chakra posthumously.

15 **Bhullar, M.S.** President's Police Medal.

20 **Madhan Sudan.** Nevanlinna Prize for 2002.

21 **Jain, Mohan Lal.** Rajiv Gandhi Manav Sewa Award for 2001.

24 **Bindra, Abhinav.** Khel Ratna Award.

September

29 **Jaisingh, Hari.** LMA-Munjal award

October

7 **Amritanandamayi (Mata)** Gandhi-King Award.

8 **Madhavankutty, V.K.** Swadeshabnimani Award.

10 **Raju, B. Ramalinga.** Asia Business Leader Award 2002.

November

8 **Fazli, Nida.** Ghalib Award for Urdu poetry.

14 **Raju, V.K. (Dr.)** Humanitarian Service Award of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

December

13 **Kaul, C.L. (Dr)** Eminent Pharmacist Award 2002.

24 **Amrita Pritam.** Awarded Rs. one lakh by Rupa & Co.

28 **Mashelkar, R.A. (Dr.)** Selected for Dababhai Naoroji Memorial Award 2002.

BAIL GRANTED. BAILED OUT

January

3 **Dilip Kumar.** In land grab case.

21 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** By SC in fodder scam case.

28 **Mishra, Jagannath.** In the multi-crore rupees fodder scam.

February

20 **Jain, J.K.** Interim bail by Delhi Court.

28 **Memon, Yusuf Abdul Razak.** On health grounds.

June

3 **Rajo Singh.** By Patna High Court.

5 **Parekh, Ketan.** In a cheating case.

July

20 **Sheth, Ketan.** In Rs. 92.78 crore Seamen's PF scam case.

September

27 **Tejpal, Tarun.** By a Delhi Court in the defamation case of Ms. Jaitley.

28 **Khan, Salman.** In hit and run case.

October

12 **Langah, Sucha Singh.** In criminal and corruption cases.

November

1 **Karnik, Shashi Kant (Dr.)** MPSC ex-chief in recruitment scam.

15 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** In an 11-year old TADA case.

26 **Bundela, Raja.** In stage-managed assault on himself.

28 **Mani, T.S.** In three cases.

December

2 **Sharma, Manu.** In the Jessica Lal murder case.

3 **Singh, Virbhadra.** In the Khair wood allotment case.

BAIL NOT GRANTED. BAIL REJECTED

January

9 **Sharma, Shankar.** In FERA case.

May

14 **Rajo Singh.** In the case of killing 9 RJD activists.

20 **Parekh, Ketan.** In the case of misappropriation of Rs. 83 crore.

June

22 **Kang, Kiranbir Singh.** In case of murder of two Dalit children.

27 **Kedar, Sunil.** In Bank fraud case.

October

14 **Khan, Salman**. And sent to judicial custody.

November

29 **Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh.** By Punjab & Haryana HC.

30 **Mani, T.S.** By Kollegal Magistrate Court.

BOOK RELEASED

April

19 **Narsima Rao, P.V.** His book : *A long way*, by former President K.R. Narayanan.

23 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** Released *The Human Development Report*.

May

25 **Swaminathan, M.S. (Dr.)** A book on him.

June

14 **Achrekar, Ramakant.** His biography in Marathi.

August

27 **Vittal, N.** His book on PSU vigilance.

September

21 **Mishra, Bhawani Prasad.** His book of poems.

October

5 **Aman Nath.** His book *Dome over India* in Britain.

CHARGED. ACCUSED

January

2 **Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur.** For misappropriation of CM's Relief Fund.

February

4 **Amarinder Singh, Captain.** For defamation by Sukhbir Badal.

March

15 **Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh.** And was issued arrest warrants in a case of molestation.

23 **Kanwaljit Singh (Dr.)** Of sexual harassment and of manipulation.

25 **Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh.** For accepting a bribe of Rs. 5 lakh.

26 **Mukerjee, Satyabrata.** Of making sex calls.

April

6 **Bedi, Paramjit Singh (Dr.)** For arranging assault on doctor.

16 **Yadav, Rajvallabh.** In a murder case in an FIR.

22 **Desai, Ketan.** And FIR against him.

23 **Gurm, H.S. (Dr.)** Of manhandling a scribe at PTU.

26 **Chinna, Surinder Pal Singh.** Of terrorists links.

May

2 **Shamsher Singh.** As main tout in PPSC corruption case.

10 **Vishnoi, Parasram.** For making narcotic drugs in his cement factory.

15 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** For seeking UPSC berth for Mr. R.P.S. Sidhu.

16 **Bansal, H.L.** As Sidhu's key PCS middleman, participating in corruption.

16 **Langah, Sucha Singh.** For possessing assets disproportionate to his sources of income.

23 **Virendra Singh (Capt.).** For amassing assets disproportionate to his income.

24 **Sidhu, Bhupinder Singh.** Of amassing wealth disproportionate to his known sources of income.

25 **Chandraswami (Jain, Nemichand).** And issued summons.

June

1 **Sukh Ram.** For accepting bribe of Rs. 3 lakh.

3 **Agarwal, Ashok.** For fabricating a case of FERA violation.

5 **Gopal, R.R.** Of masterminding the kidnap of Kannada film star Rajkumar.

12 **Agnihotri, M.R.** Ex-chief justice faces charges of corruption.

13 **Shah, Bharat.** Charges framed, trial on June 26.

14 **Jogi, Ajit.** By M.P. Lokayukta for irregularities in canal contract.

16 **Kahlon, Nirmal.** In recuitment scam.

Pruthi, Naresh (Dr.) Congress leader booked on fraud charges.

Yadav, Mulayam Singh. For roughing up Mayawati in 1995.

22 **Badal, Sukhbir Singh.** Charge-sheeted for assaulting a photo-journalist.

Kureshi, Haji Yakub. Under ST Act in Meerut.

27 **Amarinder Singh.** Of covering up corruption cases.

28 **Pendse, Dilip S.** By The Tata Group, claiming damages of Rs. 424.5 crore from him.

July

3 **Mallya, Vijay.** Of defying ED summons.

4 **Vaiko Gopalasamy, Y.** Under POTA for making pro-LTTE speeches.

13 **Soch, Harbhajan Singh.** OF making appointments against rules of GNDU.

August

4 **Sharma, Ravi Kant.** In the Shivani Bhatnagar murder case.

6 **Kewal Singh, Giani.** In a case of death of his daughter-in-law.

15 **Shantanu Kumar.** Rajasthan DGP's son for harassing a family from Assam.

16 **Mahajan, Pramod.** Of Shivani Bhatnagar's murder; by Madhu Sharma.

19 **Amarjit Kaur.** Of a dowry case.

23 **Singh, Ashok Kumar.** Of indulging in corrupt practices.

26 **Goyal, J.B.** Of irregularities in recuitment in local bodies.

26 **Gurm, H.S. (Dr.)** Of committing irregularities in examinations and appointments at PTU.

29 **Makkar, Bhagat S. (Dr.).** Of trading in human organs.

September

3 **Bhambra, Hardeep Singh.** Of amassing wealth through corruption.

4 **Bhunder, Balvinder Singh.** Of misappropriation of MP's Area Development Fund.

8 **Gill, Kuldip Singh.** Of a fraud; by Punjab V.B.

11 **Hegde, S.N. (Prof.)** Of curruption.

12 **Kang, Amarjit Singh (Dr.)** Of tempering with answer-sheets.

13 **Singla, Brij Mohan.** Of misusing his position and embezzling about Rs. 60 lakh.

16 **Gill, Amarbir Singh (Justice).** Of using influence to get his daughter selected to the PCS (Judicial).

19 **Kahlon, Nirmal.** In a criminal and corruption case.

28 **Khan, Salman.** In a hit and run case.

29 **Azad, Kirti Jha.** Of ransacking electricity office.

George, Shobhana. In a forged letter case.

October

7 **Khan, Salman.** Charged with culpable homicide.

21 **Khan, Salman.** Charge-sheeted listing 10 offences in the hit and run case.

Rajput, B.S. (Prof.) Of plagiarism.

24 **Krishna, S.M.** Found guilty of contempt of court.

November

15 **Hinduja, Gopichand.** In Bofors case.

23 **Katara, Nitish.** Charges framed against Vikas Yadav and others in Nitish Katara murder case.

29 **Bhattal, Rajinder Kaur.** Charged with embezzlement of Rs. 20 lakh of CM's Relief Fund.

December

1 **Veerabhadraiah, N.S. (Justice)** Of his involvement in a sex scandal.

26 **Qureshi, Hashim.** Charged with hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane.

30 **Vaiko Gopalasamy, Y.** Charged-sheeted for pro-LTTE speech.

CRITICISED

January

21 **Krishnamurthy, T.S.** For not post-poning by-election to the Andipatti Assembly seat

February

20 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** For his remarks about BJP winning poll in UP even without the support of Muslims.

March

11 **Singhal, B.P.** May face action by BJP for asking resignation of PM.

April

15 **Modi, Narendra.** By opposition unitedly, and asking for his resignation.

May

2 **Birju Maharaj.** Pop culture which he says is threatening Indian culture.

3 **Gill, K.P.S.** His appointment as Advisor, by the SAD (Amritsar) Chief.

13 **Sinha, Yashwant.** For having links with Ashok Chaturvedi of Flex Industries.

July

5 **Saraswati, Jayendra (Sankaracharya)** RSS proposal on J&K.

August

5 **Tota Singh.** By Lok Pal who found him guilty of misconduct.

8 **Naik, Ram.** For petrol pump scam.

16 **Modi, Narendra.** By Amartya Sen who blames Modi Govt. for violence.

19 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** Congress Party for observing martyrdom of Sant Longowal.

24 **Modi, Narendra.** By PM for his anti-Lyngdoh remarks.

September

1 **Jethmalani, Ram.** Deputy PM L.K. Advani for not meeting Shabir Shah, and trying to derail peace process.

October

19 **Togadia, Praveen.** For calling Sonia Gandhi (without namig her) as a dog from Italy.

ELECTED

January

30 **Gill, K.P.S.** President of the Indian Hockey Federation.

February

13 **Dharam Vir.** President of Indian Yoga Federation.
19 **Azmi, Kaifi.** Fellow of the Sahitya Akademi.
22 **Prasad, Yogendra.** President of the Central Board of Irrigation and Power.
25 **Jayalalitha, J.** From Andipatti Assembly seat.

March

6 **Ahmed, M. Refeeque.** President of FIEO.
7 **Saha, Kripa Sindhu.** Deputy Speaker of W.B. Assembly.
24 **Surjeet, Harkishan Singh.** General Secretary of CPM.
28 **Venkat Narayan, S.** President of Foreign Correspondent's Club of South Asia.

April

2 **Bharucha, S.P. (Justice)** President of International Law Association.
10 **Panwar, Jai Shree.** Mayor of Delhi.
20 **Goyal, C.B.** President of Haryana CCI.
20 **Subha Rao, D.V.** Chairman of Bar Council of India.
24 **Sorabjee, Soli J.** Member of UN Panel.

May

5 **Randhawa, Inderjit Singh.** President of Punjab Police Services Association.
12 **Mathew, Philip.** IPI Vice-chief.
14 **Tripathi, Kesari Nath.** Speaker of UP Assembly.
20 **Ashwani Kumar.** Rajya Sabha member.

June

1 **Akhouri, Suresh.** IJU President.
2 **Vijaya, Kumari, Ganti.** MP in Amalapuram LS by-election.
3 **Soren, Shibu.** From Dumka LS seat.
11 **Patodia, P.D.** President of FIEO.
14 **Jaisingh, Hari.** President of Editors' Guild.
18 **Batra, Hemant.** As Secretary-General of SAARCELAW.
22 **Nadvi, Mohammed Rabay Hasani.** President of A-1 Muslim Personal Law Board.
23 **Abdullah, Omar.** President of the National Conference.
26 **Darbari Lal (Prof.)** Deputy Speaker of Punjab Vidhan Sabha.

July

4 **Viswanathan, R.** President of Employers' Federation of Southern India.
18 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J.** President of India.
29 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** President of Cricket Association of Bengal.

August

1 **Brar, Jagmeet Singh.** Farmers' Forum Chief.
4 **Yadav, Akhilesh.** Chief of the Smajwadi Party's Youth Wing.
11 **Thandi, Narinderjit Singh.** Mayor of Gravesham (UK), 2002-03.
12 **Shekhawat, Bhairon Singh.** Vice-President of India.
12 **Tiwari, N.D.** MLA from Ramnagar Assembly Constituency.
23 **Hooda, Bhupinder Singh.** Leader of Haryana CLP.
23 **Kohli, Manoj.** Chairman of Cellular Operators Association of India.
30 **Leeladhar, V.** President of IIB.

September

1 **Dalmiya, Jagmohan.** President of Indian Cricket Board.

1 **Fernandes, George.** President of the Samta Party.

4 **Mathew, Philip.** Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulation.

7 **Bhardwaj, Nakul.** President of DUSU.

16 **Amin, Chirayu.** President of Baroda Cricket Association.

19 **Nair, S.K.** BCCI Secretary.

23 **Dalbir Singh.** Chairman of Indian Banks' Association.

25 **Ramaraj, R.** President of Internet service providers.

27 **Chhajlani, Abhay.** President of INS.

27 **Sharma, M.K.** President of the Indian Soap and Toiletries Makers' Association.

October

4 **Bijlani, S.K.** Chairman of CII (NR)

11 **Muthiah, A.C. (Dr.)** President FICCI.

14 **Azad, Ghulam Nabi.** Leader of J&K Legislature of Congress Party.

31 **Ramachandran, M.S.** To the Board of World LPG Association.

November

12 **Badungar, Kirpal Singh.** As SGPC Chief.

14 **Negi, O.N. (Prof.)** President of Indian Orthopaedic Association.

17 **Sethi, Arjun.** BJD LS leader.

Khurana, S.M. Paul (Dr.) Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

18 **Jai Gopal (Dr.)** Fellow of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

21 **Tara Chand.** Speaker of J&K Assembly.

30 **Jain, P.K.** PHDCCI Chief.

December

27 **Patel, Mangalbhai (Prof.)** Speaker of Gujarat Legislative Assembly.

27 **Qureshi, Inayat Hussain.** Chairman of Chisti Dargah Committee.

HONOUR DECLINED

January

27 **Sitara Devi.** Padma Bhushan Award.

March

7 **Mahindra, Keshub.** Padma Bhushan in view of public protests.

HONOURED

January

31 **Patkar, Medha.** Invited to the World Social Forum.

February

6 **Sher Singh, T.** With Order of Canada.

7 **Shann.** Declared the 'Favourite Indian Artiste Pop'.

14 **Laxman, R.K.** For his lifetime achievement in Bangalore.

15 **Kishen Maharaj (Pt.)** With Ustad Inayat Khan Memorial Award.

March

17 **Teresa, Mother.** By renaming Park Street of Kolkata as Mother Teresa Sarani.

23 **Amonkar, Kishori.** With Padma Vibhushan.

23 **Sorabjee, Soli J.** With Padma Vibhushan.

25 **Thakur, C.P. (Dr.)** With the fellowship of NAMS.

April

27 **Tayal, S.P. (Dr.).** With Rashtriya Ratan Shiromani Award of M.P. Govt.

June

5 **Bhikha Bhai.** Memorial for him in Sagwara.

7 **Bhagwat, Anjali Ved.** Ace shooter was rewarded with Rs. 50,000 by CSIF, her employer.

8 **Achrekar, Ramakant.** Felicitated in Mumbai for training excellent cricket players.

11 **Bhatt, Satvik.** With special promotional award of the Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy.

Kabra, Brij Bhushan. With fellowship of the Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Academy.

19 **Thapar, Romila.** With Doctor of Letters degree by Oxford University.

25 **Butalia, Urvashi.** With the National Order of Merit by French Govt.

27 **Amrita Pritam.** By Punjab Govt. with award of Rs. 15 lakh.

July

3 **Birla, Kumar Mangalam.** Conferred honorary fellowship of the London Business School.

Chug, K.S. (Dr.) Gets FRCP.

11 **Joshi, Murli Manohar.** With the Mangolia Friendship Medal.

22 **Balasubramanian, Dorairajan.** Conferred the National Order of Merit by French Govt.

August

13 **Birla, K.K.** By Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt.

23 **Nizam, Sheen Kaaf.** With Bhasha Bhartiya Samman.

September

11 **Singh, Jija Madhavan.** With Police Medal for Distinguished Service.

28 **Prem Singh (Chaudhary)** By New Jersey Assembly.

29 **Pillai, Dhanraj.** As flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the Busan Asian Games.

October

10 **Narayanamurthy, N.R.** Named as Ernst and Young (E&Y) Entrepreneur of 2002.

27 **Gill, K.P.S.** By Pandit K. Santanam Smarak Samiti.

November

19 **Chautala, Om Prakash.** With Honorary Citizenship of Dallas (Texas).

December

14 **Chopra, Yash.** With Dada Sahib Phalke Award.

KILLED

May

6 **Ahmed, Mansoor.** Shot dead in front of U.P. Raj Bhavan.

7 **Koley, Raj Kumar.** In the crash of a Chinese airlines.
21 **Lone, Abdul Gani.** In Old Srinagar city by terrorists.
27 **Yadav, Parmanand.** Shot dead by unidentified assailants.

September

11 **Lone, Mushtaq Ahmed.** By terrorists at Rednag in Lolab segment.
24 **Sahu, Sharad Kumar.** By unidentified assailants.
29 **Ali, Imam.** By police in Bangalore.

November

21 **Chattarpati, Ram Chander.** Attacked by some persons near Sirsa and died at Apollo Hospital, Delhi

December

21 **Nagappa, H.** By forest brigand Veerappan, after taking and keeping him hostage.

PARTY JOINED

January

23 **Ramamurthy, Vazhapadi K.** Congress Party.
27 **Kaura, Jagmohan.** Congress Party from BJP.

February

10 **Pilot, Sachin.** Congress Party in Jaipur.
20 **Dhillon, Poonam.** Congress Party.

May

6 **Marandi, Simon.** Congress Party after quitting JMM.

August

8 **Soz, Saifuddin.** Congress Party.

September

2 **Sekhon, Manjit Singh, Air Marshal (Retd.)** Congress Party.

October

4 **Dixit, J.N.** Congress Party.
16 **Bhandari, Romesh.** Janta Dal (Secular).

PASSED AWAY. DIED

January

1 **Dandavate, Pramila.** In New Delhi.
3 **Dhawan, Satish (Prof.)** In Bangalore.
20 **Kao, Rameshwar Nath.** RAW founder chief, in New Delhi at 84.
21 **Makhan Singh.** At Chabbewal village in Hoshiarpur district.
23 **Gupta, Kalyan Singh.** In New Delhi at 79.
27 **Mascarenhas, Mark.** Of road accident at Kharbi near Nagpur.
29 **Grewal, Serla.** In Chandigarh.

February

4 **Bhagwan Dada.** In Mumbai at 89.
7 **Menon, Sankarankutty.** At Oorakam at 93.
Parthsarthi, Lakshmi. In December at 67.
9 **Suroor, Al Ahmed (Prof.)** In New Delhi at 91.

13 **Kelkar, Ram.** In Mumbai at 74.

17 **Mukherjee, Anil.** Of Cancer at 72.

18 **Khan, Abdul Karim.** In Mumbai at 90.

19 **Mehta, Arun.** In Mumbai at 68.

21 **Chandra, Jag Parvesh.** In Delhi at 88 of heart attack.

22 **Chuni Lal (Choundary).** In Jammu following heart attack.

28 **Manlekhi, Bachi Ram.** At Almora at 89.

March

3 **Balayogi, G.M.C.** In copter crash at Kovvadalanka village in A.P.

7 **Tripathi, Ram Manohar (Dr.)** In Mumbai at 69

16 **Swarnavenkatesa Deekshithar, V.V.** In Chennai at 81.

17 **Devadas, Rajammal P. (Dr.)** In Coimbatore.
Singh, Natasha. Found dead at a five-star hotel in Delhi.

18 **Rao, Gita.** In Cuttack at 58.

19 **Gupta, J.P.** Ex-Chairman of Railway Board.

24 **Yadav, B.L. (Justice)** In Allahabad at 68.

30 **Bakshi, Anand.** Died following prolonged illness.

April

1 **Narayanaswamy, K.V.** In Chennai at 79.

6 **Chhabria, Manohar Rajaram.** In Mumbai following cardiac arrest.

9 **Ram, J.A., Maj. Gen. (Retd.)** In Mursoorie at 83.

11 **Khachi, Jai Behari Lal.** In Shima at 76.

16 **Barpujari, Heramba Kanta (Dr.)** Eminent historian passed away in Guwahati.

20 **Gopal, Sarvepalli (Dr.)** In Chennai at 78.

May

9 **Singh, Ritu.** By committing suicide.

10 **Azmi, Kaifi.** In Mumbai after prolonged illness.

11 **Pardhan Kaur.** At Sadhwan in Faridkot dist. at 83.

18 **Shakdher, S.L.** In New Delhi at 83.

19 **Tirpude, Nasikrao.** In Mumbai at 82.

20 **Ahmed, Gulsher.** At Satna (M.P.) in hospital there.

22 **Gaekwad, Shantadevi (Rajmata)** Of cardiac arrest at Vadodara.

24 **Subba Rao, P.V.** At Nellore (A.P.) at 90.

June

3 **Behera, Bhagabat.** Orissa Education Minister in Bhubaneswar.

4 **Amgami, Neituo.** The *Citizen's voice* editor in Kohima.

5 **Bhikha Bhai.** At Udaipur following a brief illness.

7 **Jatti, B.D.** In Bangalore at 92.

11 **Khoshoo, T.N. (Dr)** At Noida at 75.

15 **Patel, Mukesh.** In Mumbai.

18 **Guha, Samar.** In Kolkata at 85.
Naseem Banu. In Mumbai at 86.

20 **Yadav, Jagadambi Prasad.** In Coimbatore at 78 of multiorgan failure.

22 Nirankari, Joginder Singh. In New Delhi at 76.
26 Thatte, Maltibai. At Nasik at 92.
27 Mahendra Kumari. In Delhi hospital.
28 Shastri, Dev Dutt. In New Delhi at 84.
29 Kanpuri, Gauhar. In Mumbai at 70.
30 Shastri, Shrikant. In road accident near Dewas.

July

3 Venkatalakshamma, K. At Kadur in Karnataka.
5 Singhi, N.K. (Prof.) In Jaipur at 66.
6 Ambani, Dhirubhai. At Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai.
Ram Lal (Thakur). Former H.P. Chief Minister at 73.
12 Krishnaswami, Mani. In Chennai at 72 of heart attack.
14 Barua, Navakanta. Poet Barua passed away in Guwahati.
17 Singh, Mata Prasad. In Faizabad at 88 of cardiac arrest.
18 Sivarama Dikshidar, P.V. In New Delhi at 80.
27 Krishan Kant. In New Delhi at 75.
28 Ranganath, N.K. (Ranga). In Bangalore at 77.
30 Babur, Mohd. Ilyas. In Hyderabad.

August

4 Dalal, Ajit Singh. Found dead by railway track near Kurukshetra.
Shastri, Girdhari Lal. In Mandi (H.P.) at 83.
16 Rao, Krishna. In Chennai at 73.
17 Singh, Indu Prakash (Dr) In London at 71 of cancer.
27 Menon, K.P.A. In New Delhi at 75.
29 Mukarji, Nirmal. In New Delhi at 81.

September

1 Karanth, B.V. In Bangalore.
Mankotia, D.S., Maj. Gen. Of heart attack at 53.
12 Kapoor, Anup. Commited suicide after ragging at IET Lucknow.
Menon, K. Balakrishna. In Kochi at 89.
18 Bapat, Vasant. In Pune.
Kalpe, S.B. Of old age in Mumbai.
Nagpal, Lal Chand. In Mukatsar at 103.
Kansal, Tek Chand. In Chandigarh at 75.
19 Antil, Ravi. Drowns in the Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh while practising.
Tendulkar, Priya. In Mumbai at 48 of heart attack.
20 Narendra Mohan. In New Delhi at 68.
Premi, Gurcharan Singh. In road accident near Goraya. He was 73.
22 Dias, A.L. In Mumbai at 92.
24 Pisharoty, R.P. (Prof.) At Kollengode in Kerala at 93.
Yadav, Suresh (Subedar) In Commando operation at Akshardham, Gujarat.
26 Pathak, Ram. In Nagpur at 85.
28 Kulbir Singh. In Chandigarh at 84.
30 Raunaq Singh. In New Delhi at 79.

October

- 2 **Kapildeo Singh.** In New Delhi.
- 4 **Banerjee, B.N.** In Kolkata.
- 5 **Behari, O.P.** In Mumbai after prolonged illness.
  Jain, N.S. (Dr.) Vidya Jain murder mastermind.
- 9 **Lamai, Mangal Singh.** Of heart attack at Thrivata village.
  Yunus, Mohammad (Dr) In Delhi at 57 of cardiac ailment.
- 10 **Sharma, G.K.** In Bahrain at 67.
- 11 **Pathak, Dina.** In Mumbai at 82.
  Sharma, Vaikunt. In Kanpur at 102.
- 12 **Phadnis, Umashankar.** In New Delhi at 78.
- 17 **Verma, Laxmikant.** In Allahabad at 80.
- 20 **Chopra, Vinod.** In Bhopal.
- 21 **Harbhajan Singh (Dr).** In New Delhi at 83.
- 27 **Ramamurthy, Vazhapadi K.** In Chennai at 62 after heart attack.

November

- 1 **Ghatak, Shanti Ranjan.** In Kolkata at 82.
- 6 **Joginder Singh.** In Kolkata at 63.
- 13 **Rao, Kaloji Narayan.** In Hyderabad at 88.
- 14 **Manohar Singh.** Film actor in Delhi at 64.
- 22 **Mishra, Akhilesh.** In Lucknow at 79.
  Nayudu, C.S. In Indore at 88.
- 27 **Suman, Shivmangal Singh (Dr)** In Ujjain.
- 28 **Shrivastava, Onkar Nath.** In London at 70.

December

- 12 **Palkhiwala, Nani Ardeshir**. In Mumbai.
- 21 **Sankhdher, M.M. (Prof.)** In Delhi at 74 of heart failure.
- 24 **Mallikarjun.** In Hyderabad.
- 31 **Choudhary, Sudhindra Bhushan.** In Kolkata.

REMOVED. SACKED. RELIEVED

January

- 21 **Vij, Kapil (Lt. Gen.)** From the command of 2 Corps on Powell's insistence.
- 25 **Gianchand.** From Uttaranchal Council of Ministers
- 27 **Bachi, Gurcharan Singh.** From SAD Party.

February

- 9 **Jain, J.K.** On Election Commission's directions.

March

- 2 **D'Souza, Cedric.** As coach of Indian Hockey Team.
- 13 **Sekhon, Manjit Singh, Air Marshal.** As Southern Command AOC-in-C.

April

- 22 **Ahluwalia, Jasbir Singh.** As VC of Punjabi University, Patiala.
- 24 **Bhatia, Vinod K. (Air Marshal)** From the operational command of the Western Air Command.

May

6 **Bhatia, B.S.** As Registrar of Punjabi University.

August

16 **Ranjit Lal.** Federation of Indian Export Organisations terminated his service.

September

6 **Stalin, M.K.** From the Mayorship of Madras City.

December

3 **Lohani, Ashwini.** As CMD of ITDC.

RESIGNED

January

21 **Tiwari, Jai Narain.** From UP Govt. as Minister.

31 **Prabhat Kumar.** As Governor of Jharkhand.

February

14 **Mukherjee, Madhabi.** From politics.

March

8 **Sangma, P.A.** From Statute Panel.

16 **Agashe, Mohan.** As Director of FTII, Pune.

April

22 **Dharampal.** As Chairman of the National Commission on Cattle.

25 **Vishnoi, Ram Singh.** As Minister in view of drugs manufacturing case.

30 **Paswan, Ram Vilas.** As Union Cabinet Minister of NDA.

May

14 **Garg, A.S. (Justice)** Under attack submitted resignation as One-man Commission.

June

11 **Abdullah, Farooq.** As President of National Conference

17 **Devaiah, Suddala.** For alleged involvement in murder.

28 **Sawhny, Vinod.** From Spice Telecom.

July

8 **Alexander, P.C.** As Maharashtra Governor.

11 **Lambah, S.K.** As special envoy to Afganistan.

19 **Modi, Narendra.** As Chief Minister of Gujarat.

20 **Vijay Anand.** Following differences with the Ministry of I & B.

August

8 **Gurbux Singh.** As Chairman of Britain's Commission of Racial Equality.

14 **Prabhu, Suresh.** As Union Power Minister.

September

22 **Patel, Chair.** As advisor to British P.M.

23 **Kothiyal, Rajiv (Wing Commander)** Quit IAF on personal reasons.

November

23 **Venkataswami, K. (Justice)** As head of the Tehelka Inquiry Commission and Chairman of the Authority on Advance Ruling on Customs and Excise.

RETIRED

March

19 **Sekhon, Manjit Singh, Air Marshal.** Forced to retire.

27 **Bisht, Madhumita.** As badminton player.

April

30 **Grewal, S.S. (Lt. Gen.).** As Adjutant-General at AHQ.

June

1 **Srinath, Javagal.** From Test Cricket.

25 **Surinder Nath, Lt. Gen. (Retd.).** As Chairman, UPSC.

30 **Jagat, Gurbachan.** As BSF Chief.

July

31 **Rathore, S.P.S.** From service.

October

31 **Gupta, Harsh.** As H.P. Chief Secretary.

SENTENCED. CONVICTED

February

13 **Garg, Satish Chandra.** Under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

26 **Yadav, Hemlata.** In a rape case alongwith her son.

March

6 **Roy, Arundhati.** To a one-day imprisonment for the contempt of court.

24 **Harvansh Singh.** To one month's imprisonment for the contempt of court.

27 **Krishna Maharaj.** To life imprisonment.

April

29 **Merchant, Abdul Rauf Daud.** To life imprisonment.

May

24 **Mehla, Iswar Singh.** To four-year R.I.

29 **Halder, Baidyanath (Dr.)** For negligence of duties as a doctor.

June

3 **Dalal, Bajrang Singh.** For forging a Delhi HC order.

July

5 **Ghosh, Runu.** To two years' imprisonment.
Sukh Ram. To 3-year RI by a Delhi Court in telecom equipment scam.

18 **Maneklal, Yogesh T.** To 14 years' rigorous imprisonment.
Sahani, Ramashray. To life imprisonment in a murder case.

31 **Anand, Ketan.** To life imprisonment.
Rajvansh, Priya. Her killers got life term.

August

15 **Shah, Syed Gul Mohammad.** For credit card fraud.

22 **Surana, Prem.** To 6-month S.I. for slapping a magistrate.

September

24 **Chetia, Anup.** Seven years rigorous imprisonment.

November

30 Pratap Singh (Giani) To five years imprisonment.

December

28 Thakshinamurthy. To five-year R I and fine of Rs. 42 lakh.

SUSPENDED

January

12 Namboodiripad, Vishnu. For flouting Temples' traditions.

May

1 Dheera, Randhir Singh. With effect from April 28 in PPSC corruption case.

3 Saroj Rani (Dr.). Being a co-accused in an attempt to rape case.

June

5 Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh. As Chairman of PPSC.

August

21 Jacob, Leno. By Kerala PCC.

23 Sharma, Ravi Kant. From service by the Haryana Govt.
Singal, Ajay. By Punjab & Haryana HC.

24 Manilal. As Coach of weightlifter Satheesha Rai.

26 Sharma, R.K. As Additional Commissioner of Delhi Police.

October

15 Jarnail Singh (Dr.) Registration suspended by the Britain's GMC.

25 Rai, Ramasish. By BJP for anti-party activities.

31 Kalwani, Govind. As Deputy Registrar of Rajasthan HC.

December

28 Mirdha, Hadibandhu. As Orissa PSC Chief.

SWORN IN

January

16 Mukherjee, S. Additional Judge of Delhi HC.

18 Ramamohan Rao, P.S. Governor of Tamilnadu.

24 Shishak, Wungazan Awangshi (Justice) As Chief Justice of HP High Court.

February

8 Sood, Kuldeep Chand. Additional Judge of HP High Court.

27 Amarinder Singh, Captain. Chief Minister of Punjab.

March

2 Jayalalitha, J. As CM of Tamilnadu.
Tiwari, N.D. As the 3rd CM of Uttaranchal.

20 Sharma, Praksashwati. Member of UPSC.

April

9 Sema, Hotoi Khetodo (Justice) Judge of Supreme Court.

26 Shantaram, Kiran. Sheriff of Mumbai.

30 Mayawati. As Chief Minister of U.P.

May

6 Kirpal, B.N. (Justice) Chief Justice of India.

10 Joshi, Manohar Gajanan. Speaker of the 13th Lok Sabha.

25 Rangarajan, C. (Dr.) Governor of Orissa, as additional charge.

June

3 Parrikar, Manohar. Goa CM.

10 Naolekar, Prakash Prabhakar (Justice) Chief Justice of Guwahati HC.

11 Surjit Singh, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Member of Punjab PSC.

July

12 Ramanujam, R. (Justice) Lok Ayukta of Andhra Pradesh.

15 Jois, Y. Rama (Justice) Jharkhand Governor.

August

19 Shekhawat, Bhairon Singh. Vice-President of India.

21 Chaturvedi, Trilok Nath. Governor of Karnataka.

September

1 Sinha, S.K. Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Governor of Assam for a second term.

3 Shankar, P. Central Vigilance Commissioner.

12 Sangra, Surjit Singh, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Chairman of Punjab PSC.

October

14 Roy, Binod Kumar (Justice) Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana HC.

November

2 Sharma, Mangat Ram. Deputy Chief Minister of J&K.

8 Pattanaik, Gopal Ballav (Justice) Chief Justice of India.

12 Sharma, Dev Raj. Chairman of H.P. Public Service Commission.

December

30 Barnala, Surjit Singh. As Governor of A.P.

WON

January

3 Gupta, Sudhir. Peter the Great Award for 2002.

22 Bindra, Abhinav. Gold in Grafling Air Weapon Shooting Championships 2002.

24 Tiwana, Dalip Kaur (Dr.) Saraswati Samman, 2001 for her novel : *Katha Kaho Urvashi.*

28 Sharma, Rakesh. Title of Mr. Punjab 2002.

29 Ravi Shankar (Pt.). Grammy Award.

February

6 Hasnain, E. Seyed (Dr.) The 11th G.D. Birla Award.

Kahlon, Kiranjit Singh (Dr.) Best Engineering College Teacher Award. 2001.

10 Kapoor, Mahendra. Lata Manageshkar Award.

24 Goswami, Indira. The 36th Bhartiya Jnanpith Award for literature.

Scindia, Jyotiraditya. By-election of Guna Lok Sabha Seat.

March

5 Narlikar, Amrita. Hodson Memorial Prize.

8 **Indira Nath (Prof.)** Unesco/L'Oreal Award.
16 **Sethia, Kanhaiya Lal.** Prithvi Raj Rathore Award.
17 **Vijay Kumar.** 39th Indian Open Golf.
18 **Bindra, Abhinav.** 10th KK Birla Foundation Sports Award.
Humpy, Koneru. 10th KK Birla Foundation Sports Awards.
21 **Gulati, Rajiv.** IMM Award.
23 **Bopanna, Rohan.** Beats Dmitri Mazur in Tennis at Delhi.
24 **Tagore, Abhijith.** International Poet of Merit Award.

April

6 **Narayansami, T.S.** Best Banker Award, 2002.
16 **Sen, Paritosh.** Officer of the Order of the Arts & Letters Award of the French Govt.
30 **Ghosal, Saurav.** Under-17 event in the German Junior Open Squash Tournament.

May

5 **Anand, Vishwanathan.** Annexes Eurotel title.
6 **Saha, Saraswati.** Women's 100m and 200m in the 2nd National Athletic Circuit meet.
25 **Agarwal, Amit.** Usha-NIFT Award for best garment construction.
31 **Swamy, Shekar.** Alumni Hall of Achievement Award of the North-Western University.

June

3 **Soren, Shibu.** Dumka LS Seat.
11 **Gill, Gauri.** Fifty Crows Foundation Award in photography.
13 **Middya, Probash.** Gold Virtuosi 2 Award.
Netravali, Arun. National Medal of Science and Technology of USA.
Sreenivas Reddy, S. Jewellery design, 'gold virtuosi' Award.
15 **Vasudev, Aruna.** French honour.
17 **Prasad, Yogendra.** International Commission on Large Dams Award.
Vattikuti, Raj. Ellis Island Medal of Honor.
19 **Singh, B.P. (Dr.)** Rashtriya Chikitsak Ratna Award.
24 **Gour, Rohitas.** Bhagwan Sriram National Award 2002.

July

13 **Irani, Jamshed J. (Dr.)** Lifetime Contribution Award in Engg.
16 **Singh, Krishen Murari.** Dr. Rajendra Prasad Award, 1999-2000 for his book.
18 **Verma, Bahadur Singh.** Jagjivan Ram Kisan Puraskar, 2001 of ICAR.
22 **Gill, K.P.S.** Pride of Nation Award.
25 **Roy Choudhary, Saptarishi.** National Youth Chess (Under-25).
26 **Venkatesan, M.T.** Lalchand Milapchand Award for physically challenged.
27 **Tanted, Suresh.** Pandit Manmohan Bhatt Lifetime Achievement Award.
30 **Kunjarani Devi.** Gold medal in women's 48 kg category at 17th Commonwealth Games.
31 **Nag, Kingshuk.** Prem Bhatia Award for Excellence in Political Reporting & Analysis 2001-2002.

August

1 **Rai, Satheesha.** Two gold and a bronze in weightlifting at 17th Commonwealth Games.

2 **Chanu, Sanamachu.** Three gold medals.

3 **Cheema, Palwinder.** Gold medal in Commonwealth Games.

Krishan Kumar. Gold medal at the Commonwealth Games.

4 **Pujari, Shailaja.** Three Gold medals in the Women's 75 kg at Commonwealth Games.

Ramesh Kumar. Gold medal in Commonwealth Games.

9 **Kasturirangan, K. (Dr.)** G.M. Modi Innovative S&T Award for 2002.

Sharma, Manju. G.M. Modi Innovative S&T Award.

21 **Laxman, V.V.S.** Arjuna Award of 2001.

24 **Dewan, Ashok.** Dhyan Chand Award.

September

6 **Bhupati, Mahesh.** US Open doubles title.

11 **Narayanamurthy, N.R.** Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award for Excellence in Public Administration and Management Sciences, 2001.

17 **Jha, Sriram.** Rajiv Gandhi title.

19 **Kapoor, Karisma.** Smita Patil Memorial Award.

21 **Mukesh Kumar.** Hat trick–his three in a row.

22 **Nariman, Fali S.** Justice Prize of Peter Gruber Foundation.

Pillai, Dhanraj. Player of the tournament at the Champions Trophy.

27 **Muthurarman, B.** Tata Gold Medal by the Indian Institute of Metals.

29 **Jhunjhunwala, Ashok (Prof.)** H.K. Firodia Award for S&T, 2002.

October

6 **Setalvad, Testa.** The International Nuremberg Human Rights Prize, 2003.

7 **George, Anju Bobby.** Gold medal in the 14th Asian Games.

8 **Bahadur Singh.** Gold medal at the 14th Asian Games.

Beenamol, K.M. 800 mt at the 14th Asian Games.

Valiathan, M.S. (Dr.) H.K. Firodia Award for S&T 2002.

10 **Dixit, N.S. (Dr.)** Lifetime Achievement Award.

Saha, Saraswati. Gold at the Busan Asiad in Women's 200 m.

Singh, Neelam. Women's discus gold at the Busan Asiad.

Sunita Rani. Women's 1500 mtrs. breaking previous record.

30 **Swaminathan, M.S. (Dr.)** Toda Award for Peace Achievement.

31 **Khosla, Ashok (Dr)** Sasakawa Environment Prize of 2002.

November

3 **Khan, Feroz**. Teacher's Achievement Award.

5 **Raza, Sayed Haider**. Dayawati Modi Award.

14 **Dutt, Sunil.** Sat Paul Mittal Award.

15 **Krishnakumar, Asha**. 2002 Lorenzo Natali Prize for Journalism.

17 **Mirza, Sania**. $ 10,000 ITF Women's circuit tennis tournament in Manila.

December

2 **Pathan, M.A.** Project Management Associates Fellowship Award 2002.

4 **Pathak, K.N. (Prof.)** Goyal Prize 2001.

12 **Sidhu, Kirpal Singh (Dr)** The Lifetime Achievement Award of STOX, India.

MISCELLANEOUS

January

5 **Habibullah, Wajahat.** Negotiations conductor for Kashmir problem.

7 **Vadra, Robert.** Disassociated himself from father and brother through a public notice.

15 **Samir Kumar.** Disciplinary proceedings against him for participating in CM rally.

18 **Kapil Dev.** Donates eyes to the National Association of Blinds.

Sindia, Jyotiraditya. Filed nomination for Guna Lok Sabha seat.

19 **Sri Sathya Sai Baba.** Denied bid on his life.

20 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** Election upheld by Allahabad HC

24 **Aulakh, K.S. (Dr.)** Registrar vs VC ; controversy.

Soren, Shibu. His election to Rajya Sabha set aside.

27 **Singh, Virbhadra.** Apology demanded from him for March 5, 1998 incidents in Shimla.

29 **Khan, Shah Rukh.** A museum was opened, housing his memorabilia in Kolkata.

30 **Nigam, Rakesh.** Lie nailed in Tehelka case.

February

1 **Hembram, Mahendra.** Admitted having torched Staine's vehicle.

2 **Kapadia, Bankim.** House raided for assests disproportionate to his known sources of income.

13 **Tata, Ratan.** Took charge of VSNL after payment of Rs. 1,439 crore.

18 **Paul, Swraj (Lord)** Unveiled his bust in UK Zoo.

26 **Jaitley, Jaya.** Filed defamation case against *Tehelka.*

March

1 **Aadhokshjanand Teerth (Jagadguru)** Demands ban on VHP.

3 **Badal, Parkash Singh.** Blames RIL for SAD-BJP defeat.

7 **Pratyusha.** AP Government agreed to CBI probe into her death.

11 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** Assured Lok Sabha of no puja till SC verdict.

14 **Paramhans, Ramchander Das.** Threatened to end his life.

15 **Vedanti, Joginder Singh (Giani)** Escapes unhurt in a road accident at Bhawanigarh near Sangrur (Pb.).

16 **Gupta, Abhinn Shyam.** Lost $ 10,000 French Open Badminton International Championships.

19 **Badal, Sukhbir Singh.** CBI inquiry demanded by Haryana Opposition into his Gurgaon land deal.

20 **Rushdie, Salman.** Airline ban lifted by Air Canada.

21 **Sondhi, M.L.** Appealed against the dismissal of his writ before a Division Bench of Delhi High Court.

22 **Tendulkar, Sachin.** Given tight security by Maharashtra Govt. in view of terrorists' threat.

April

12 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** Premitted to cross over to Pakistan for celebrating Baisakhi there.

13 **Mann, Simranjit Singh.** His party granted recognition to PSGPC against the stand taken by SGPC.

15 **Namboodiripad, Vishnu.** Reinstated and his suspension revoked.

Sarabhai, Mallika. Files PIL on Gujarat riots in the Supreme Court.

23 **Sayeed, P.M.** Admitted censure move on Gujarat as Speaker.

Yadav, Rajendra Prasad. His son, Babloo, shot dead a boy.

24 **Ghai, Subhash.** Sold his film library to Sony.

May

3 **Garewal, K.S. (Justice).** Prohibits disclosing of contents of statements of witnesses in Punjab PSC corruption case.

4 **Bachchan, Abhishek.** Discharged after a compromise in assault case.

6 **Hamdard, Barjinder Singh.** Led protest march against Govt.

10 **Upadhyay, Kishore.** Sought suitable rehabilitation package for oustees of Tehri Dam Project.

16 **Dheera, Randhir Singh.** Revealed all about the Punjab PSC scam.

21 **Sekhri, Ashwani.** Created ruckus by occupying Chatha's room forcibly.

24 **Yadav, Laloo Prasad.** Display of wealth in the marriage of his daughter without explaining the source of it.

25 **Kaura, Nisha.** Exposed favouritism and foul play in the selection of science teachers.

27 **Gandhi, Sonia.** Flags off 30 trucks of wheat for J&K.

June

1 **Patwardhan, Anand.** Not cleared his *War and Peace* by Censor.

7 **Jayalalitha, J.** $ 3 lakh FERA case against her was closed.

8 **Patil, V.S.** Felicitated in Mumbai by players trained by him.

Shrivastava, R.N. Deposed before the Liberhan Commission.

10 **Joshi, Murli Manohar.** Addressed Commonwealth Conference.

Rajendra Singh. Was assaulted in Aligarh during a seminar.

Tejveer Singh. Assaulted Magsaysay awardee Rajendra Singh in Aligarh.

11 **Mythily Rani.** CBI raided her premises in Hyderabad and seized money and goods worth Rs. 2.5 crore.

Yadav, Laloo Prasad. Birthday celebrated by Laloo Vichar Kendra.

14 **Sehgal, Lakshmi (Capt.).** Left parties nominate her for Presidential Election.

15 **Vishnoi, Parasram.** House raided to arrest him in drug scam case.

16 **Abdullah, Farooq.** Escapes attempt on life, survives granade attack.

17 **Samresh Singh.** On dharna against prevailing corruption in the state.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Asleep at the wheel ; Alex Perry's report on PM.

19 **Saharya, Arun B. (Justice)** Withdraws work from three Punjab & Haryana HC judges.

21 **Bajaj, Rahul.** Hospitalised in Mumbai's Breach Candy for chest pain.

23 **Deshmukh, Vilasrao.** Restrained; his moves to be cleared by a Committee.

24 **Abdullah, Farooq.** Harps on autonomy to J&K.

Saraswati, Jayendra (Sankaracharya). Plays abiter on Ayodhya issue.

Tota Singh. His house searched by V.B. in Moga.

25 **Khurana, Madan Lal.** Charisma of Khurana has faded.

27 **Aghi, Sunil.** Quizzed by FBI.

Jalan, Bimal (Dr) Granted two-year extension in service by RBI.

Krishnamurthi, Jana. Agreed to quit as BJP chief and accept a cabinet berth.

Tejpal, Tarun. Informs Commission that Tehlka's aim was to expose graft.

28 **Bedi, Bishan Singh.** Debarred from Amritsar Service Club.

Bhujbal, Chhagan. Complains of Maratha conspiracy in NCP to oust him.

Lyngdoh, J.M. In controversy; by notifying that politicians while filing their nominations will have to declare their criminal records, assets and qualifications. Politicians protested.

30 **Amarinder Singh.** Denies cover-up in corruption cases.

July

2 **Rastogi, Narendra.** Extradition sought for his fraudulent duty drawbacks of Rs. 171 crore.

5 **Shah, Bharat.** Trial resumed in a case of his nexus with the underworld.

10 **Ghosh, Runu.** Files appeal in Delhi HC.

11 **Chawla, Kalpana.** Takes off as a part of Flight STS.

13 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** Promised 8% growth during the 10th Plan.

14 **D'Souza, Lawrence.** Attacked for extortion.

18 **Shinde, Sushil Kumar.** Nominated as Opposition's candidate for the office of Vice-President.

19 **Sukh Ram.** Filed appeal with the Delhi HC which suspended his sentences and granted him regular bail.

20 **Tangri, Jagdish.** Surrendered before Ludhiana police.

22 **Dutt, Sunil.** Launches *Sadbhavana Ke Sipahi.*

26 **Jayalalitha, J.** Protested for not being invited to swearing in ceremony of the President.

August

3 **Madasamy, Krishnan.** Stripped of three medals for doping.

4 **Sasikiran, Krishnan.** Lost to Mathew Turner of England.

5 **Haribhaskar, N.** Absolved of charges in wealth case.

Pawaria, R.C. Surrendered in fake arm's licence case.

Rai, Satheesha. Fails dope test in 17th Commonwealth Games.

Sandhu, Tajinderpal Singh. Non-bailable warrants against him in a corruption case.

Stokes, Vidya. Nominated on the Delimitation Commision.

8 **Naik, Ram.** Involved in petrol pump scam.

11 **Sarna, Paramjit Singh.** Refutes links with Mr. Sajjan Kumar.

17 **Naidu, Venkaiah.** Surrendered 4.95 acres of controversial land.

18 **Singh, Virbhadra.** FIR registered against him and others for abducting Ramesh Dhawala on March 5, 1998.

19 **Babi, Parveen.** Plea rejected to tender evidence against Sanjay Dutt.

21 **Rai, Laxmi.** He is CBI accused but continues as Chief, BPSC.

23 **Katara, Nitish.** Case transferred from Ghaziabad to Delhi.

24 **Mahajan, Pramod.** Delhi police cleared him in Shivani murder case.

26 **Shah, Bharat.** Allowed to go abroad by SC.

27 **Manek, Hira Ratan.** Survived without food for 411 days.

Saharya, Arun B. (Justice) Restores work to three Punjab & Haryana Judges.

28 **Veerappan.** No amnesty to him : CM of T.N.

31 **Jayalalitha, J.** Opposed Prime Ministership to Sonia Gandhi for being of foreign origin.

September

1 **Shah, Vijay.** £ 10 million Indian wedding in Belgium. Benchmark of opulence.

9 **Kamla.** Appealed in M.P. High Court against the annulment of her election.

Pherurai, Gurcharan Singh. Corruption case filed against him.

15 **Vajpayee, Atal, Behari.** Faced protest of half a dozen youths in New York.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Rejected converting of LOC as international border with Pakistan.

17 **Pillai, Dhanraj.** Explanation sought for his remarks against team mates by IHF President.

18 **Narang, Samir.** Rescued from kidnappers.

19 **Hans, Hans Raj.** Threatened on behalf of T-Series owner.

Katiyar, Vinay. Summoned by Srinagar Court on his remarks about Moo-e-Muqaddas.

Munde, Gopinath. His security cover withdrawn.

20 **Abdul Kalam, A.P.J.** Escapes plot to be eliminated while on way to Bokaro from Ranchi.

Ittoo, Sakina. Survived 4th attack by terrorists.

21 **Hazare, Anna.** His *maun varat* exposed Maharashtra Govt.

Shahi, Shivendra Pratap. New claimant for Ayodhya disputed site.

23 **Joshi, Manohar Gajanan.** Led Parliamentary delegation to Geneva.

24 **Mashelkar, R.A. (Dr.)** Given extension of two years in service.

25 **Varma, Ravindra.** Denied that 2nd National Labour Commission's report is anti-labour.

26 **Muthu, T.** Cleared for Asian Games by Sport Ministry.

27 **Sharma, Ravi Kant.** Surrendered before CJM, Ambala.

Tejpal, Tarun. Alleges victimisation by NDA Government.

30 **Maran, Murasoli.** Flown to Houston (US) for treatment of heart.

Sidhu, Ravinder Pal Singh. Petition dismissed for quashing FIR against him.

October

4 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Attacked by an armed intruder.

7 **Nengroo, Bashir Ahmad.** Roughed up by Army personnel in Srinagar.

11 **Bachchan, Amitabh.** Celebrates his 60th birthday.

12 **Gopichand,Pullela.** Lost to South Korea's Seung Mo Shon.

13 **Rajnikant.** On fast in Chennai for release of Cauvery water.

Vajpayee, Atal Behari. Tells about double standard to measure terrorism by West.

14 **Dutt Sanjay.** Permitted to go abroad.

15 **Besra, Monica.** Cured by offering prayers to Mother Teresa.

17 **Thackeray, Bal.** Case filed against him under section 153 A of IPC.

19 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** Launched cellular service of BSNL in Lucknow.

26 **Sayeed, Mufti Mohammed.** To be Chief Minister of J&K, leading coalition of PDP and Congress.

28 **Krishna, S.M.** Tendered apology to Supreme Court for not complying with its orders.

November

3 **Hari Krishna (Dr)** Revealed reality of encounter at the Ansal Plaza basement.

11 **Sunita Rani.** Cleared of charges of consuming banned drugs by AAFI.

11 **Masood, Rashid.** Sanctioned probe by CBI against him.

13 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** Announced Rs. 500 crore corpus for plantation sector.

16 **Togadia, Praveen.** Entry banned to Godhra.

17 **Rajendra Babu, S. (Justice)** To examine cases of three Judges of Punjab and Haryana HC.

17 **Bundela, Raja.** Assaulted by Bajrang Dal activists in Bhopal.

21 **Veerappan.** Gives ultimatum of 12 days for Nagappa's life.

23 **Dinakar, C.** Reveals about Rs. 20 crore ransom paid to Veerappan by S.M. Krishna.

23 **Rane, Narayan.** His house attacked by NCP workers.

24 **Bhupathi, Mahesh.** Married Model Shewata Jaishankar in Mumbai.

24 **Manjrekar, Mahesh.** Preparing film on Laloo Prasad Yadav.

24 **Udit Raj.** Launched a political party–Justice Party.

25 **Pillai, Dhanraj.** Manhandled the umpires in the final of the Nehru Cup Hockey Tournament.

25 **Sawant, P.B. (Justice)** Discusses the Report of the Concerned Citizen's Tribunal.

28 **Shastri, Vishnu Kant.** Defended by Deputy PM for his role as UP Governor.

December

1 **Singh, Rajnath.** Injured in road accident in North Gujarat.

1 **Thungon, P.K.** Prosecution allowed for involvement in irrigation scam in Nagaland.

2 **Harbhajan Singh (Cricketer)** Fined 200 NZ dollars for dirty shoes.

3 **Jaitley, Jaya.** Her petition against *Tehelka* was dismissed.

3 **Patel, Jaideep.** Attacked Gujarat VHP general-secretary.

3 **Verma, J.S.** Calls for Humane Governance.

4 **James. J.M. (Justice)** Assaulted a motorcyclist.

23 **Gill, Saudagar Singh.** Extradited to Canada.

26 **Vajpayee, Atal Behari.** Launched Rs. 15000 crore Rashtriya Rail Vikas Yojana.

27 **Gupta, Sanjay.** Injured in a road mishap.

Karn, Ashok. HT photo-journalist; near Nalanda (Bihar) was kidnapped.

28 **Karn, Ashok.** Released at a village in Nalanda.

Sharma, A.K. Reinstated as Mehsana SP.

Tata, Ratan. Stepped down as Chairman of the Tata Group.

29 **Jain, Nirmal Kumar.** Granted justice after 24 years.

31 **Husain, M.F.** His 'Lightning' fetched Rs. two crore.

Veerappan. Reward enhanced from Rs. 2 to 5 crore on his head.

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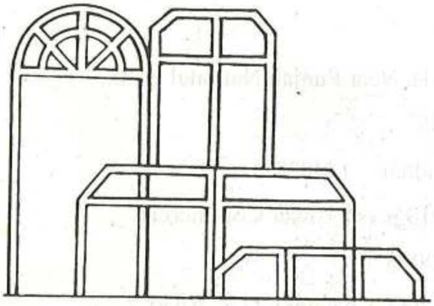

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